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QUAKE SURVIVOR'S PLEA TO HELP STRICKEN COUNTRY

Nicholas Roxburgh shared this picture of Dolakha on Twitter after the earthquake

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

A STUDENT from Ormskirk who survived the massive earthquake in Nepal at the weekend is urging West Lancashire residents to help with relief efforts for the devastated country.

Nicholas Roxburgh, who is currently studying water management in Kathmandu, close to the epicentre of the 7.8 magnitude earthquake, has described the terrifying moments when the quake struck on Saturday.

The 26–year–old was sitting at his desk when he felt the building begin to sway, gently at first and then violently.

As the shaking increased he threw himself on to the floor and crawled under the desk terrified that the building would collapse.

Only when the tremors stopped did he feel safe to leave the building.

Horrific injuries

Meanwhile, in a nearby hospital Nicholas described how he saw the lifeless bodies of two young children being carried in, while many more arrived with horrific injuries.

He said many had been hurt by falling masonry, while others had been pulled from collapsed buildings.

He added: "As night fell, many crowded into the few areas of open space in Kathmandu, using tarpaulin as a temporary shelter.

"Regular aftershocks have continued to rock the city, each one sending people running for cover.

"Rain has left those who are homeless – or too fearful to return – exposed in the cold wet weather.

Earthquake survivor Nicholas Roxburgh

"People have spent days working together to find survivors in collapsed buildings, sharing water and food where they can and forming temporary shelters.

"It's clear that the devastation is widespread with reports of no buildings being left undamaged in some remote villages.

"Communications to remote rural regions are poor and I can only imagine the urgent needs they must be facing now.

"Supplies of food and water are limited while many continue to sleep outside exposed to the elements fearing further building collapses."

Nicholas, who studied sustainability at Leeds University, is now a climate researcher and documentary filmmaker for the university.

He has lived in Nepal for nine months, exploring water system management in the rural area of Dolakha, but is set to fly home this week following the disaster.

Reduced to rubble

Nearly 5,000 people have been reported killed so far and it is believed the final death toll could be double this while thousands more have been injured.

Historic landmarks have been reduced to rubble, many of the survivors are sleeping outside, scared that powerful aftershocks will topple unsafe buildings and it has started to rain, drenching survivors living outside or under tarpaulin.

Nicholas is urging local people to do what they can to support the people of Nepal.

He said: "For this country, the immediate need is clear – shelter, food and water.

"In the longer term Nepal needs support in rebuilding to help this beautiful country not only survive but thrive.

"Please donate to the relief effort."

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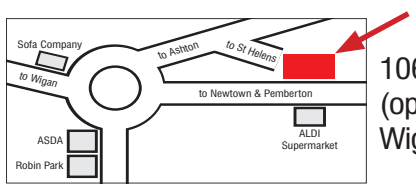

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Edge Hill to offer drag artists module

EDGE Hill University is to become the first higher education institution in the UK to offer a module studying drag as a performance art form.

The Drag Kings and Drag Queens of Performance module has recently been validated and will be on offer as an option to third–year undergraduates on performing arts and dance & drama courses at the university from January next year.

This module analyses relationships between performance, gender, sexualities and identity and the ways in which performance might be deployed in the service of specific political and cultural agendas.

It will consider a variety of topics including drag performance, costume, lipsyncing and the use of humour and is underpinned by wider theories and histories of sexuality, performativity, gay and lesbian theatre, transgender identities, drag, HIV/AIDS and activism.

Final year students undertaking this module will consider the ways in which performance intersects with other identity–forming discourses such as gender, ethnicity and class.

The module has been devised by senior lecturer, Mark Edward, who said: "Despite the fact that performers have been 'dragging up' since Shakespearean times, this module is completely unique in exploring the crossing of boundaries in terms of gender and performance. The 2010 Education Act meant that providers of education, including universities, must go beyond non–discrimination based on gender, and in fact, promote equality, and Edge Hill has a fantastic reputation in promoting minority groups in terms of sexual identities.

Mark Edward as Gale Force

"This module not only explores drag as a highly camp performance art, it also engages with complex gender, feminist and queer theory to explore the social and political implication of 'doing gender' in performance.

"Drag as a performance art form has seen a relative decline in the past decade, yet there are new and exciting emerging forms coming through which makes this module all the more relevant to performance contexts. There's a lot more to drag studies than wigs, make–up and high heels!"

Mark Edward is a performer, dance maker, writer and dance educator. He is also the writer and producer of the acclaimed Council House Movie Star, in which he adopts the drag persona Gale Force, which headlined the opening of Liverpool festival Homotopia in 2012.

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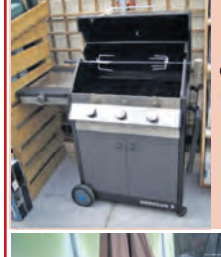
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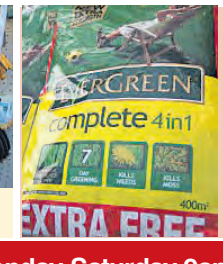

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Bra–vo! Ladies set to tackle MoonWalk for cancer charity

Report by **Louisa Austin**

A GROUP of ladies from Ormskirk are all set to take to the streets of London in their bras – but all in the best possible taste in aid of a worthy cause!

Calling themselves the Burlesque Babes, the eight–strong team will be taking part in the annual MoonWalk, organised by the Walk the Walk charity in aid of breast cancer research, and wearing the charity's trademark brightly decorated bras.

Setting out at midnight on Saturday, May 16 they will join 15,000 fellow walkers – women and men – to complete a sponsored power walk around the capital, starting and finishing at Clapham Common.

Walkers can opt to complete a half–marathon or the full marathon distance of 26.2 miles.

Team leader Lucy French came up with the idea to do the MoonWalk in memory of her late mum who was diagnosed with breast cancer in 2001.

And she will be joined by friends Katherine Bentley, Nicky Trotter, Sally Edgar, Helen Day, Clare Abrathat, Fiona Ramond and Jen Webster – all of whom have lost members of their family or friends to cancer or watched them battle the disease.

The Ormskirk Burlesque Babes will tackle the full marathon and Lucy said: "We've been training really hard for months now. Our goal is to complete the walk in six hours – and I think we can do it."

Although they have already been promised plenty of support for their efforts, the intrepid ladies need to attract more to help them reach their fundraising target.

"We've received lots of sponsorship but we still need more to hit our target of £4,000", added Lucy.

Walk the Walk, often called the health charity, is dedicated to raising money for vital cancer causes, including research into primary and secondary cancers, as well as supporting those who have cancer now.

This year's MoonWalk is expected to raise in excess of £6 million and the charity aims to grant 75% of the funds to cancer projects and campaigns.

• *To sponsor the Ormskirk Burlesque Babes go to website https://moonwalklondon2015 .everydayhero.com/uk/burlesque–babes.*

Burlesque Babes members Lucy, Katherine, Nicky, Sally and Helen try out their MoonWalk outfits

Mayor's Woollen Woodland experience

MAYOR of West Lancashire, Councillor Doreen Stephenson enjoyed a 'nature' lesson of a different kind when she paid a visit to the Woollen Woodland project at Rufford Old Hall.

During her visit she met up with the hall's general manager, Joanne Hudson and visitor experience officer, Catherine Hazley, who helped her to fix a knitted flower to one of the trees.

The Woollen Woodland project is an outdoor art installation in support of the national Campaign for Wool.

Participants were invited to National Trusts to create woollen birds, flowers, animals and insects to demonstrate how hardy wool is and how well it can withstand the elements.

Visitors created flowers, birds and animals for the project with expert tutors on hand to show them how to crochet and craft.

The woolen creations will stay on display until August.

The mayor with Rufford Old Hall general manager Joanne Hudson (far right) and visitor experience officer Catherine Hazley.

Clock Tower to be lit up for VE Day anniversary

WEST Lancs Council is planning its own tributes to commemorate the 70th anniversary of VE (Victory in Europe) Day.

Friday, May 8 1945 was the day when the second world war in Europe officially ended, although the allies continued to do battle with Japan until September 2.

To mark the occasion nationally a number of events are planned, including a service at the Cenotaph in London on May 8 and a television, star–studded 1940s–style concert on Horse Guards Parade on Saturday, May 9.

Meanwhile, in West Lancashire the borough council is planning to pay tribute to the men and women who served their country during the 1939–45 war by lighting up the Ormskirk Clock Tower in red, white and blue.

The lights are scheduled to be lit on Friday, May 8 and will remain lit at the weekend.

The local authority is also planning to plant two oak trees, one either side of the war memorial in Coronation Park, Ormskirk, as a lasting reminder of the anniversary.

The mayor, the leader of the council and leader of the opposition will be invited to attend a ceremony in the park in the presence of veterans, to mark the planting of the trees.

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Barge restoration project open day

By Danielle Thompson

TWO 1930s canal barges that are currently in the process of being restored to their former glory will be on view to the public on Bank Holiday Monday, May 4.

The Burscough–based H and R Ainscough Society Barge Restoration Project aims to restore the two craft, the Viktoria and the Ambush, which were used to transport corn from Liverpool to Parbold and Burscough down the Leeds–Liverpool canal.

Although the Ambush has an engine, the Viktoria is what is known as a a 'dumb barge' – a flat–bottomed boat used for transporting freight but which has no motor and has to be pulled by another craft such as a tug boat.

Organisers of the project are holding their first open day to show the work that has been completed on the boats to date and to take questions from interested members of the public.

This will be held from 11am to 4pm at The Old Stables in Mill Lane, Burscough.

Colin Wareing, from the H and R Ainscough Barge Restoration Project, said: "Our ambition is to restore the two former Ainscough Mill corn–carrying barges for future generations to enjoy and keep alive the sights and sounds of the largest craft that ply the inland waterways of the country.

"The two boats were built in the 1930s to carry imported American grain from the docks in Liverpool along the Leeds–Liverpool canal to Ainscough's mills in Parbold and Burscough.

"The society has recently established a base in the old stables and on the day we will be offering people the chance to find out and become involved with the ongoing work to restore Ambush and Victoria to their former glory, with displays in the base in the Burscough canal services chandlery in the stables.

"Ambush and Viktoria are the last locally–owned boats from a fleet of the largest craft that can be seen today on the inland non–tidal waterways of the country at 72ft long and 14ft wide."

The Viktoria pictured before restoration work began

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Solar farm proposal possible at former airfield site

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

PLANS could be in the pipeline for a solar farm development on the former Ringtail wartime airfield site in Burscough.

London–based company Lightsource Renewable Energy Limited submitted a screening opinion earlier this month to West Lancashire Borough Council for a proposed solar farm on 25 acres of arable land to the west of Tollgate Road.

A screening opinion allows applicants to find out whether a proposal requires an Environmental Impact Assessment before making a planning application.

According to the company's plans the solar farm would sit at a maximum height of three metres off the ground and would generate around five megawatts of electricity – enough to power around 1,300 homes for a year.

It would be made up of photovoltaic panels laid out in rows, fixed to metal mounting frames, at an approximate 25 to 30 degree angle. These would not rotate.

Screening opinions can be requested on major developments which are of more than local importance including those in locations that are environmentally sensitive or vulnerable.

IMPACT

The council's response to the request states that although the site is not in an environmentally–sensitive area, it is next to an area identified as a habitat for pink footed geese and likely to be used as a supporting feeding ground for these birds.

It further states that the proposed development's supporting infrastructure, which would include inverters, transformers and switchgear substations, amongst other buildings, would have to be considered in terms of visual impact and the impact on the character of the landscape.

A previous screening opinion on the site found that the site and some of the surrounding land was suitable for use by foraging geese and is close to a whooper swan sensitive bird area.

West Lancashire Borough Council's planning department assessed on April 23 that an Environmental Impact Statement would be required for this development.

These assessments are used to predict the environmental consequences – positive or negative – of a plan ahead of the decision whether to grant the application.

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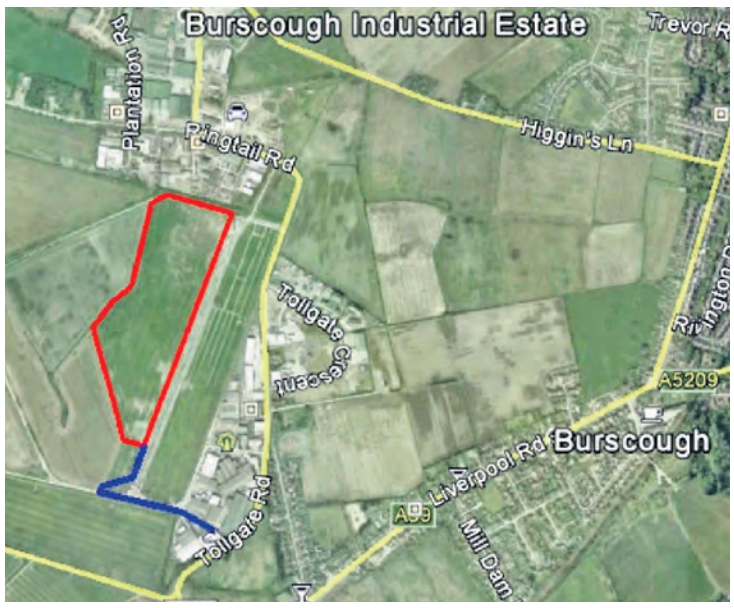

The possible site of the solar farm is outlined in red with the suggested access in blue

St Helens bus link restored after students' online petition

A BUS link between Ormskirk and St Helens has been restored following an online petition by students at Edge Hill University.

Private operator South Lancashire Travel announced in March that it was to withdraw its No. 319 service between the two towns with effect from Friday, April 3.

The company said that the service had not been commercially sustainable since they took it over from Stagecoach a number of years ago.

The decision left students travelling from St Helens to study at Edge Hill University with no direct public transport link.

Now though a new service has been set up after Merseytravel responded to an online petition by the students which attracted more than 250 signatures.

The new No. 152 service, funded by Merseytravel and run by Huyton Travel Limited (HTL) Buses, started on April 20 and will offer three journeys per day on Mondays to Saturdays, from St Helens to Ormskirk bus station via the university, in the morning, lunchtime and evening.

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West Lancashire College principal Maria Gilling

Report by **Henry James**

NEW national results tables show West Lancashire College is the best in its area.

Statistics released by the government indicate that the college, based on a new campus in Skelmersdale, is one of the best in the North West.

Its results have been above the national average for three years in a row and it out–performs all neighbouring colleges in its catchment area within Lancashire and Merseyside.

Last year almost nine out of every ten learners who started a course at the college then went on to pass.

West Lancashire College offers a range of courses, including vocational courses, apprenticeships and A–levels right through to degree–level. The college also ensures its 3,500 learners of all ages can use their skills to go on to jobs or further study.

Students from the college's sports courses have gone on to work for Everton FC and the Wales international basketball team; vehicle and engineering students now work for firms like Jaguar and Dairy Crest; and other learners have gone to major employers like the NHS.

Dance and drama is also a strength. West Lancs student Michael Hindley, who came out with a distinction, went on to land a role in Coronation Street and now plans to study in New York.

College principal, Maria Gilling said: "We pride ourselves on the quality of teaching at West Lancashire, so I am delighted that these results confirm what we already knew – that the quality of our courses is among the best in the North West, helping local people to reach their full potential through learning.

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Fun day organisers aiming to 'hotfoot' it to four–figure total for charity

Pub boss seeking volunteers for 'fire walk'

By **Danielle Thompson**

ORGANISERS of a charity fun day are hoping to recruit more volunteers to help them to 'hotfoot' it – literally! – to their four–figure target.

Among the attractions at the event at The Railway pub in Parbold, in aid of the Little Heroes Cancer Trust, is a 'fire walk' where volunteers are sponsored to walk over 15 feet of hot coals.

Volunteers will receive full training in how to do the walk safely beforehand.

To date, 15 people have signed up to do the walk, but organisers of the fun day, on Sunday, May 10, are hoping to have at least 30 taking part on the day.

Adam Haigh, landlord of the pub in Station Road, has teamed up with Little Heroes founder, Colin Nesbitt, to stage the fun day which starts at 2pm and also features bouncy castles, stalls and a barbecue.

And they are hoping to raise at least £1,000 on the day for the charity which helps to support children diagnosed with cancer and their families.

Adam told the Champion: "So far, we have 15 people signed up to do the fire walk – I'm first as stipulated by Colin! – but we hope to have at least 30 on the day.

Fundraisers will be asked to walk over hot coals Code NA

"Our target is to raise a minimum of £1,000 towards the charity which provides gifts and respite to the 10,000 children and their siblings currently suffering from cancer in the UK, half of whom are under the age of five.

"Each participant in the walk will collect sponsorship, charityfirewalk.co.uk will provide the training and my wife Jane and I will provide the venue, beer – and feet!"

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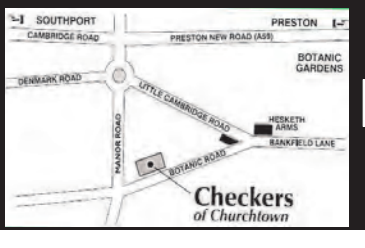

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Burscough store opening on target despite other closures

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

THE new Booths store in Burscough is still on target to open in July – despite the threat of more than 100 job losses when the company closes two of their other stores in Lancashire.

The Preston–based company has announced the proposed closure of two supermarket stores in Ansdell and Marton later this year. But they will continue with the hangar–themed development on the Ringtail retail estate, as well a new–build in St Annes, and the redevelopment of the Teanlowe Centre in Poulton–le–Fylde.

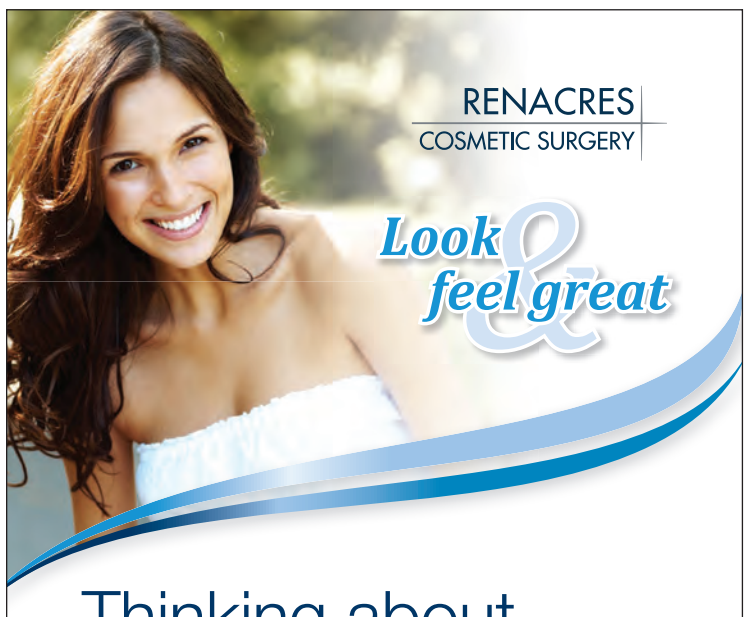
The company, which has more than 30 stores in Lancashire, Yorkshire, Greater Manchester and Cheshire, is undergoing restructuring which would see these roles reduced by 100 positions.

Retail director, Paul Minett, said: "Booths is entering a very exciting phase of development and the new stores are at the cutting–edge, both in terms of design and artisan food offer, and quality.

"To support this means a simplified and more accountable management structure, trading from an estate of profitable, vibrant stores. The difficult decisions that we make now will ensure that Booths continues to have a bright and profitable future for generations to come."

It is anticipated that most of the employees losing their jobs will be able to secure positions at the new stores and the company is now entering into a consultation process.

An artist's impression of how the new Booths store in Burscough will look



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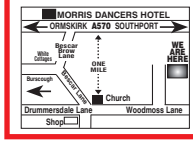

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Southport's promenade masquerades as Margate

No ordinary lie, BBC told

IT was certainly no ordinary lie when the BBC tried to fake two seaside resorts, *writes the Champion's Ollie Cowan*

In fact it's quite a big porky trying to pass off Southport here in the North West and a familliar destination for West Lancashire folk, for Margate in the South East.

But that's exactly what the programme makers of hit TV drama 'Ordinary Lies' tried to do in the final episode of the popular series... and viewers were quick to spot the difference

The sixth episode of the BBC One drama slipped up when one of the main characters in the storyline had to go to Margate – but eagle–eyed viewers quickly realised something was not quite as it seemed and it was all too obvious that the show's producers were attempting to fake neighbouring Southport for the East Kent seaside town.

Produced by the Red Production Company, the six episode long series was filmed across the North West and also featured scenes in Warrington and Crosby.

TV drama makers faked Southport for Margate

However, in the final episode broadcast on Tuesday, April 21, the drama became comedy when scenes that were supposed to be filmed in the south east resort were actually shot 300 miles away in Southport with little or no attempt to hide the actual place as being Southport. The drama's main character, Beth, is seen driving down the promenade, walking through the town centre and checking into the Sea View Hotel in Southport.

She is then seen near Funland and the resort's famous carousel while the casino is clearly seen in the background.

Ceremony will see volunteer cadets sworn in to police service

VOLUNTEER cadets from across Lancashire will be officially sworn in to the police service at a special ceremony tonight (Wednesday, Apri 29).

About 450 cadets aged 13 to 18 from across the county will declare their allegiance to the force, promise to serve the community and act as ambassadors for Lancashire Constabulary at the force's third attestation evening for cadets in Blackburn.

The cadets will be joined by friends and family and welcomed by Lancashire's chief constable Steve Finnigan and the county's police and crime commissioner, Clive Grunshaw.

Mr Grunshaw said: "I am very proud of Lancashire's volunteer police cadets – being part of the 'developing citizens in policing programme' is a valuable opportunity and they have already proved themselves a real asset to the force."

The cadets have already gained an insight into the force by learning a range of skills including finding out about DNA and fingerprints, fundraising, and conducting crime surveys.

Mother of abandoned baby charged with attempted murder

Woman, 30, appears in court

A 30–year–old woman has appeared in court charged with the attempted murder of a newborn girl found abandoned inside an amusement arcade's toilet block.

Following the discovery of the baby, at Silcocks Amusement Arcade in Southport, last Thursday (April 16), the newborn was taken to Ormskirk Hospital where nurses named her April.

Police said she is now safe and well.

Appearing at South Sefton Magistrates on Wednesday April 22, her mother, Nicola Glover, of Hughes Avenue, Prescot, wearing a pink sleeveless top, jeans, and her red hair in a ponytail, spoke only to confirm her name, address and date of birth.

Baby April

Also facing a charge of child ill–treatment, assault and neglect, District Judge Richard Clancy refused Glover bail and sent the matter to Liverpool Crown Court where she will appear on May 6.

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Committee celebrate 50 years of raising funds to fight cancer

By **Danielle Thompson**

Members of the Parbold & District Local Committee (from left) Janet Bryan, Pat Rayner, Martha Ainscough, Angela Maddocks and Margaret Gardner

MEMBERS of a West Lancashire fundrasing group are celebrating after raising more than a quarter of a million pounds for charity over the last 50 years.

The Parbold & District Local Committee began volunteering for Cancer Research UK in 1965. Since then the group has raised in excess of £300,000 for its lifesaving work.

During their half–century of activity the committee have organised a variety of fundraising efforts, including coffee mornings, jumble sales, bridge evenings, ladies luncheons, fashion shows and flag days.

Angela Maddocks, chairman of Parbold & District Local Committee, said: "I joined this committee when it was formed in March, 1965, as part of the Cancer Research Campaign. In 2002 the campaign merged with Imperial Cancer Research to become Cancer Research UK.

"I became chairman of the committee in 1985 and over the years I have enjoyed working with a wonderful team of members who have organised a wide variety of events for the charity.

"Most of all we are grateful for the wonderful support we have received from local people. It is to them that we owe our success and the amazing achievement of £300,000 over these 50 years.

"We are now on our way to the next milestone – £400,000."

Stephanie Dagger, Cancer Research UK's local fundraising manager, said: "I would like to thank Parbold & District Local Committee for the incredible contribution they have made to our vital work over the past 50 years.

"Cancer Research UK has made enormous progress in the fight against cancer. However, we have only been able to do this thanks to the dedication and commitment of volunteers and supporters like the committee without whom we would not be able to fund our vital research."

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This pay–and–reclaim parking scheme is just another rip–off

I HAD to visit the diabetes clinic at Ormskirk Hospital for an important appointment on April 17.

The clinic is not a part of the main hospital building. My sister took me as I had to surrender my driving licence two years ago due to my illnesses.

I have a blue badge which enables me to park in disabled car park spaces free of charge.

We drove through the barrier and collected the parking fee receipt.

When we were leaving my sister went to the pay station but she returned and said there was no information about using a blue badge.

My sister then drove back to the diabetes clinic for help. When she returned she had a form and told me that you have to pay and fill out the form to get the parking fee refunded.

It was lucky my sister had money on her as I did not.

Why is there no information given prior to the appointment? Why is it not put on the appointment letter you receive from the hospital?

And I would be very interested to know what percentage of blue badge holders actually claim a refund.

I believe this is done on purpose because the hospital trust know a lot of people won't bother. This is another case of the defenceless being ripped off.

As a member of HM Forces in the distant past I've heard the saying, England – a country fit for heroes.

Somehow I don't think so.

James Riley,
Skelmersdale

Thanks to West Lancs residents and volunteers who helped our Daffodil Appeal to blossom

I WOULD like to express my gratitude to everyone in West Lancashire who helped make the Marie Curie Great Daffodil Appeal such a big success this March.

Without the contribution of our fantastic local volunteers, who gave up their time to collect for the charity, the appeal simply wouldn't be possible.

The generosity of everyone who gave what they could to support people living with a terminal illness and their loved ones has been overwhelming.

The funds raised during the Great Daffodil Appeal make it possible for Marie Curie nurses to provide care to people with a terminal llness in their own homes, as well as vital emotional support for their loved ones.

We see first–hand what a difference it can make for people to be cared for where they wish, surrounded by the people and things they love and cherish the most. This is what makes the Great Daffodil Appeal so important.

A huge thank–you again, for making this appeal a great success.

If you would like to get involved in the next Great Daffodil Appeal, or any other collection, please visit www.mariecurie.org.uk/daffodil to register your interest.

Sarah Fletcher,
Marie Curie Community Fundraiser,
Lancashire & Isle of Man

PICTURE of the week

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Top of the wish list for any steam enthusiast, Alan Atkinson's half–size replica steam wagon was a magnet for children, including two year old Logan, who visited last weekend's Riverside Steam and Vintage Vehicle Rally. Picture by Martyn Snape. Code: 01080098.

Living within earshot of noisy bikers is a pain

I READ with interest the recent letters regarding off–road bikers and wondered if these 'supporters' have ever lived within earshot of this nuisance, have ever had their child clasp their hands over their ears and tears in their eyes as they scream past, or seen the scars across the countryside and dirt spewed across the pathways from their tyres.

Somewhere 'legal' for them to ride is a great idea but there will always be those that prefer tackling nature's own obstacles and the thrill of the chase from the authorities rather than riding around a man–made course.

Maybe when we get Whitemoss Landfill closed, one can be built on the site.

D. Tomaselli,
Skelmersdale

Riding motorbikes on pavements is irresponsible and dangerous – fact

I HAD made the decision not to respond to any reply to my original letter (April 8) regarding illegal and under–age motorbike riding in Skelmersdale. We are all entitled to our opinion and quite right too; we live in a democratic society.

However, the closing comments of Gaynor Hughes' letter (April 22) – 'I hope one day your son or grandson develops a love and passion for motorbikes!' – prompted this response.

Way ahead of her. My husband has owned a bike since he was 16, and 35 years on, still does. He loves motor bikes, always has and always will; you could say it's a 'passion' of his!

Also, I was misquoted by Ms. Hughes in that I did not use the adjective 'precious'.

I do agree though, somewhere safe would be ideal but how would they get there? Someone would have to transport them.

Maybe the responsibility lies with the people who purchase these bikes in the first place knowing full well there is nowhere safe to ride them.

Whatever anyone's opinion or point of view, motorbikes being ridden on pavements intended for pedestrians is just downright irresponsible and extremely dangerous – fact.

Still a worried Old Skelmerdsale resident, by email

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Emma Lindsay,
Campaigns manager, Leonard Cheshire Disability

Helpline launched for parents of children with Type 1 diabetes

I WOULD like to make your readers aware of a new helpline that has been launched for parents of children with Type 1 diabetes.

The Care in School Helpline supports parents in making sure that their child is receiving the diabetes care they are entitled to at school.

It is really important that children with diabetes are fully supported to manage their diabetes well at school as poor support can put their physical and mental health at great risk and can also prevent them from reaching their full academic potential.

The new helpline is staffed by volunteers who can provide information about children's rights and can provide emotional support at what can be a stressful time for parents.

The helpline is supported by Diabetes UK's National Charity Partnership with Tesco and follows a landmark new law, which means for the first time all schools in England will be legally required to provide children with medical conditions such as Type 1 diabetes, epilepsy and asthmas with the support they need to make the most of their time at school.

As part of its 'Type 1 diabetes: Make the Grade' campaign Diabetes UK has also produced free advice packs for schools. Free information packs are also available for parents, which outline what care they should expect in schools.

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Stephen Ryan,
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Police campaign aims to raise awareness of human trafficking issues

Report by **Henry James**

LANCASHIRE Police have reaffirmed their commitment to tackling 'modern slavery' by carrying out a week of activity aimed at raising awareness of the issue.

Last Wednesday (April 22) officers, in partnership with HM Revenue and Customs, Home Office Immigration Enforcement and Gangmasters Licensing Authority, executed warrants at addresses in Lostock Hall and Preston as part of Operation Eagle, a national campaign aimed at gauging how widespread slavery and trafficking is.

Four Chinese nationals were arrested by Home Office Immigration Enforcement for immigration offences.

A 44–year–old man was found to be a failed asylum seeker; a 27–year–old woman was found to have overstayed her visa and a man and woman, aged 28 and 25, were found to have entered the UK illegally. All four have been ordered to report to the Home Office regularly while their cases are progressed.

Detective Inspector Peter Danby said: "Despite the fact that no slavery/trafficking offences were uncovered our activity shows our commitment to tackling this type of crime"

Throughout the week officers across the county visited various premises and traveller sites in a bid to speak with employers and employees about modern slavery and raise awareness.

DI Danby added: "We want people to be aware that trafficked victims may be working in places you might not normally consider, like car washes, high street nail bars and massage parlours."

Slavery and/or trafficking is the movement of a person from one place to another (this could be country to country, town to town, or even as simple as one room in a building to another) into conditions of exploitation, using deception, coercion, abuse of power or the abuse of the person's vulnerability.

Detective Superintendent Sue Cawley, head of Lancashire Constabulary's public protection unit, said: "In many cases Organised Crime Groups (OCGs) are behind the trafficking of people into the UK. Although figures would suggest there isn't a huge problem in our county, it may be that it is a hidden crime, which is why we are doing campaigns like this to raise awareness.

"Reporting rates are low and we want to encourage victims to come forward knowing that there is help out there for them."

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Teddy Bears' outing day at light railway

THE West Lancashire Light Railway in Station Road, Hesketh Bank will be holding its annual Teddy Bears' Outing day on Sunday (May 3).

Admission is free and the event runs froms 11.30am to 4.30pm. Youngsters attending who bring a bear will travel at half fare.

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Moores family still top of West Lancashire's 'Rich List' connections

By **Henry James**

THE Moores family are still the highest–placed people with connections to West Lancashire to feature in this year's Sunday Times Rich List.

The list is based on identifiable wealth, including land, property and other assets such as art and racehorses or significant shares in publicly–quoted companies. It excludes bank accounts, to which the paper has no access.

According to the list, the Moores family's estimated fortune has stayed the same at £1.2bn, but they have fallen from joint 78th to joint 85th.

The Moores family includes David Moores, who lives in Halsall. In February 2007 he sold his majority stake in Liverpool FC to US businessmen, George Gillet and Tom Hicks, receiving £90m in the process.

Sir Peter Moores, 83, the son of the late Sir John Moores, founder of the Littlewoods football pools empire, formerly owned a house in Parbold, and is the head of the Peter Moores Foundation, a charitable organisation connected with the arts.

Next is John Hargreaves, the founder of Matalan. The list says his wealth has stayed the same at £1bn but he has fallen from joint 98th to joint 108th.

Matalan founder John Hargreaves whose company is in the process of leaving the borough

Hargreaves, who lives in Monaco, took the company back into private ownership in 2006 when he bought the 47% of the shares he did not own in the company.

In April 2010, the 71–year–old re–financed Matalan in a £525m deal that saw him take a £250m dividend from the company.

Matalan did employ about 1,000 people at its Skelmersdale base, but the company is in the process of moving out of the town.

Other millionaires with links to West Lancashire include Wigan Athletic owner Dave Whelan, 78, who lives in Parbold. He built up the JJB sports retailer and sold the family stake for £190m.

His estimated fortune has stayed the same at £200m, and his ranking has fallen from joint 458th to joint 476th.

Alan Murphy, 66, who made his money from producing toilet rolls at his factory in Skelmersdale also features on the list.

Last year he was joint 495th with an estimated £190m. This year his fortune has stayed the same, but he has dropped to joint 517th.

To make the top 1,000 you must be worth at least £100m.

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Young riders shine at National Championships

By **Danielle Thompson**

A GROUP of young competitors from a West Lancs riding school produced encouraging performances in the National Riding Schools Championships.

Fifteen members of the Parbold Equestrian Centre, run by mother and daughter team Nicola and Carrie Byrom, were successful in regional qualifiers to earn their places in the championships at Warwickshire College for experienced riders who do not own their own horse.

Pick of the Parbold squad was 15–year–old Charlotte Winrow who came third in her class, while five of her teammates were placed.

Steve Bennett, from Parbold Equestrian Centre, said: "The competition is for clients riding at British Horse Society–approved riding centres who don't own their own horse.

"For many of our team it was their first real competition and it was a first for us too at this event so we didn't know what to expect. Many of the experienced riding schools had taken their own horses to the championships, giving all their riders a distinct advantage, while our instructors had made a conscious decision to use the Warwickshire College horses.

"This meant our 15 riders had just 30 minutes warm–up to get to know the horse before being thrown into the competition."

Charlotte Winrow competing at Warwickshire College

Carrie Byrom added: "Every rider did Parbold Equestrian Centre proud today. We learned a lot and if our riders can produce that quality on horses they don't know, then watch out for us next year. Now we know the format our riders are keener than ever to return and do their best."

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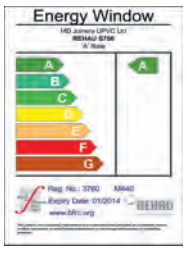

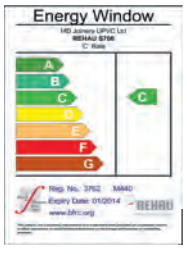

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Drivers sign up to be Dementia Friends

Staff from Charlton Minicoaches who became Dementia Friends

STAFF at a West Lancashire transport company have joined the drive to increase public understanding of dementia and remove the stigma surrounding the disorder by becoming Dementia Friends.

Martin Charlton, managing director of Charlton Minicoaches Limited in Burscough, and eight of the company's drivers attended a free one–hour training session by local Dementia Friends Champion, Joe Sherville.

Run by the national Alzheimer's Society, the Dementia Friends programme is the charity's major initiative to change people's perceptions of dementia. It aims to transform the way the nation thinks, talks and acts about the condition.

By Danielle Thompson

Currently there are estimated to be around 650,000 people in England living with dementia.

The aim of the programme is to recruit a million Dementia Friends with the know–how to help people with dementia feel understood and included in their community.

Dementia Friends Champions are volunteers who talk to people about being a Dementia Friend in their communities.

Speaking about the session, Joe Sherville said: "I was so pleased to see people showing their support by coming along to the session and becoming Dementia Friends.

"We need to create more communities and businesses that are dementia–friendly so that people affected by dementia feel understood and included."

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Summer date pencilled in for bridge repairs

WORK is expected to start on the damaged railway bridge on Bridge Street in Ormskirk this summer.

Conservative candidate for Derby ward in the forthcoming West Lancs Council elections, Edward McCarthy has been in talks with Network Rail about replacing wooden fencing on the bridge which was damaged in 2013.

He says he has now been promised a fibre–reinforced polymer parapet extension replacement by rail chiefs.

Mr McCarthy said: "According to Network Rail the design for the bridge is almost complete. A like–for–like replacement of the timber fencing would not have been suitable so they have looked into alternative options for a more sustainable solution.

"Once the design is accepted implementation works can be tendered. Time scales will need to take account of road closures and they hope to begin work in the second quarter of the 2015–6 financial year. I am pressing them to let residents know in advance the dates of this work as it will cause inconvenience.

"I also complained about the litter all along the railway track before Ormskirk station up to the Bridge Street bridge. There is a lot of litter which has been here a long time and it doesn't give a good first impression of the town. Network Rail have passed this onto their maintenance team to clear and I will monitor the situation."

A spokesman for Network Rail said: "The existing timber fence on the bridge will be replaced with a stronger, more secure material. We are currently planning the work which is due to be completed over the summer."

I need a bath to wash off TV soap suds

I AM fully aware that I am a dinosaur, still firmly wedged into the 20th century.

No, damn it, I am still living – or at least wishing I was living in the 1960s. A simpler world where there was at least a veneer of free speech, where new laws were not enacted every other day further to limit what you can do – or must not do.

Where there still was 'the open road' upon which you actually could enjoy driving.

Where buses had conductors and didn't have to waste time at stops while the driver explained the complexities of day tickets and why you couldn't use them on a rival's vehicles.

And I confess that my knowledge of what folk do in this 'tolerant' brave new world comes largely from watching quiz shows and soaps in the form of Corrie and Emmerdale.

I mean, I think I am generally personally clean, but apparently I should be having several showers (naturally I prefer a good, old–fashioned bath) a day.

Mind you, a character apparently of the same mind (though I would have thought she was out of hers) apparently more or less in the middle of a conversation suddenly declared she was "off for a soak."

Does modern man and woman really behave like this?

Otherwise seemingly normal folk fall in and out of love about as frequently as I go to the supermarket. And then the 'wronged' partner is supposed just to forgive and forget.

Their relations, friends and neighbours pinch cars at the drop of a hat, or conversely, call the police because of a minor altercation between friends.

The one big no–no seems to be doing the dirty on your own family – assuming always that you know who your father, mother, brother or sister really is in the first place.

And then of course, your friend or partner, having swindled you out of considerable amounts of cash, points out that the money was to pay off the hoodlum from whom he or she had pinched it in the first place, and is now profoundly sorry and surely their friendship is worth more than this.

And the debt is forgotten. Mind you, so are several murders so that's alright in the cobbled streets of Wetherfield or the usually strangely–deserted roads of Emmerdale.

I would have thought both locations (and Eastenders et al too) would have a permanent coterie of national journalists and TV crews (not to mention the police) by now.

And so to TV quiz shows. Where do they find their contestants, and what selection procedure do they go through?

I find it hard to believe that folk these days not only have such a lamentable general knowledge – "We didn't do that at school", or "That was before my time" – but no–one seems even a little surprised to be told that the Boer War took place in Russia or that Jeffery Archer wrote 'War and Peace' (probably in his spare time between leading the British into Suez and nationalising the railways).

Mind you, their knowledge of which pop diva married who or when they divorced him, is truly excellent.

A contestant in one of these shows actually decided that Edinburgh probably was the capital of Scotland. This was then rewarded with a 'Well done!' from the quizmaster.

Ugh! Back to the '60s for me, I afraid.

Child–friendly award hat–trick for church

Children's group leaders and members at St James Church, Westhead celebrate winning the Child Friendly Church Award

A WEST Lancs Church has received the Diocese of Liverpool's Child Friendly Church award for the third year running!

Children's group leaders at St James Church, Westhead were thrilled to receive the accolade which is awarded by the diocese to churches that welcome and integrate children and their families into the worshipping life of their church.

The aim of the award is to demonstrate to the community that ministry for children and their families is taken seriously.

Sue Mitchell, Family and Children's Missioner for the Diocese of Liverpool, presented the award to the church committee of the Vicarage Lane church, after the Great Hot Cross Bun Hunt at the Easter Holiday Club for children aged four to 12.

The committee also run clubs for three to 11–year–olds on Sundays, for pupils in Year 3 to 8 on Thursday nights and a school holiday club for primary school children.

Children of any age are welcome at Sunday services with facilities provided, and their family service on the fourth Sunday of each month is an opportunity for families to share, learn and worship together in an informal and inclusive environment.

A children's leader from St James' said: "We are delighted to receive this award, which is not only a recognition of the commitment to children's ministry throughout the leadership of St James Westhead, but more importantly it acknowledges that we strive to welcome and respect each child as a member of our church community."

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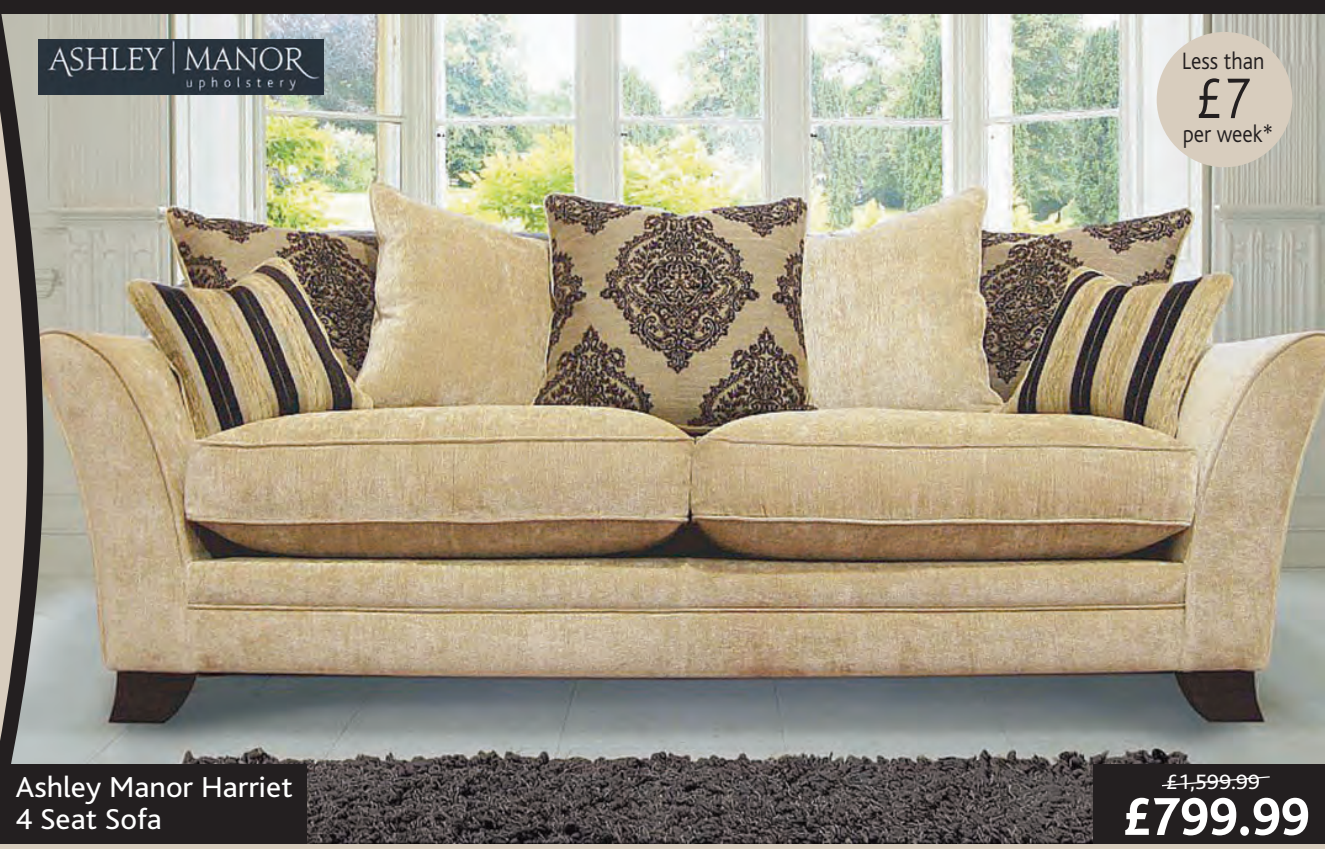

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From Harrods to Chapel Gallery...

AN artist from Mere Brow, whose last collection was sold at Harrods, is showcasing her work at the Chapel Gallery in Ormskirk.

Kayleigh Radcliffe reinterprets traditional and vintage themes and re–imagines animals as witty and whimsical characters.

Her illustrations, jewellery and 3D pieces are on display now at the West Lancs Council–run gallery in St Helens Road until June 13.

• RIGHT: Anthropomorphic Cats by Kayleigh Radcliffe

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Less stress is the key to exam success

Edge Hill academic's study pinpoints effect of 'worry factor' on students' performance

By **Danielle Thompson**

A STUDY conducted by an Edge Hill University academic has found that students who are less anxious in exams perform better.

Professor Dave Putwain's research paper, 'Academically buoyant students are less anxious about and perform better in high–stakes examinations' has been published in the British Journal of Educational Psychology.

The findings follow on from his previous research which found that pupils who worry about their exam performance are more likely to do badly than those who are less anxious.

Professor Putwain said: "The next step in my research was to ascertain whether test anxiety is an antecedent or outcome of academic buoyancy (students' capacity to successfully overcome setback and challenge that is typical of the ordinary course of everyday academic life) and to discover whether academic buoyancy is related to examination performance.

"705 students in their final year of secondary education (Year 11) participated in the study, which required them to self–report data for test anxiety and academic buoyancy."

Examination performance was taken from the mean English, mathematics and science scores from the high–stakes GCSE exams taken at the end of Year 11.

The study results showed that academic buoyancy protects pupils against viewing exams as threatening by influencing self–regulative processes and so enables better examination performance.

In turn, worry has a negative effect on academic buoyancy. Tension felt by pupils was also measured, however this did not appear to affect academic buoyancy.

Prof. Putwain has conducted extensive research into test anxiety, which could have a long–term impact on how teachers and parents approach pupils' exam anxiety and lead to a reduction in pupils' stress levels, overall improving their exam performance.

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Residents, staff and friends of Hillcroft on their day trip to New Brighton

Seaside trip down Memory Lane

CARE home residents enjoyed a nostalgic day at the seaside when they took a trip to New Brighton.

Eight residents from the Hillcroft dementia and care home in Aughton enjoyed a walk around the Wirral resort, followed by a traditional fish–and–chips meal in a promenade cafe washed down with a cup of tea.

They were joined for the day by two 'guests' from Age UK as part of the Long Lane home's project to make older people in the local community feel more involved.

Events organiser Lesley Malone said the residents enjoyed recalling childhood visits to the resort in its 1950s and 1960s heydays.

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Lifeboat disaster recalled in musical fundraiser

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

THE West Lancashire Heritage Association is to play host to a musical performance commemorating a historic local disaster to raise funds for a national lifeboat charity.

The show, Cork Jackets and Drills, will be held at Hurlston Hall Golf Club, Scarisbrick on Wednesday, May 20.

Written by local musician and playwright Len Pentin, it tells the story, through original songs and narration, of the Southport lifeboat disaster of 1886.

On a terrible storm–ridden December night, in an attempt to save the crew of the German ship Mexico in distress off Southport sands, the Southport lifeboat, the Eliza Fernley, capsized, along with the St Annes' lifeboat, Laura Janet, with the loss of 27 lives.

At the time, the tragedy touched and deeply affected the whole of the UK.

The musical performance, with its folk roots, is skilfully steered by the Cork Jacket Crew (Chris Nelson, Siobhan Nelson, Len Pentin, Clive Pownceby and Pete Rimmer) who are all active singers and musicians in the Southport area. The narrator is actor Colin Wayte.

Jill Fielding, committee member for the WLHA said: "The performance will feature music, video, songs and instruments, all in one night. This is an amazing play and we would love for anyone to attend. It's an unforgettable experience.

"The show has something for everyone – whatever their age – and it's open to the public to just come along.

"There will be a chance to buy a recording of the whole event and, of course, donations to the Royal National Lifeboat Institution will be especially welcome."

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Local history groups trace Lathom's Scottish link

The group at Blair Atholl

LOCAL history lovers took a trip north of the border to learn about the history of the 7th Earl of Lathom's family.

Paul Kenyon, chairman of Lathom Park Trust, organised the weekend trip to Scotland for fellow trust members, along with members of Ormskirk Historical Society and the West Lancs Heritage Association.

He said: "I arranged the trip to trace the life of Lady Amelia Sophia Ann Stanley, daughter of James 7th Earl of Derby and his wife Charlotte De La Tremoille. Born at Lathom house in 1633, she was imprisoned by parliamentarian troops during the civil war.

"Following the murder of her father James, the 7th earl, by parliament supporters during the civil war, in 1659 she went on to marry John Murray, 2nd earl and 1st Marquis of Atholl. She lived at Blair Atholl and died there in either 1702 or 1703 and was buried in the Atholl family vault at Dunkeld Cathederal.

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Old pals acts – members of the Pleasure Folk's latest production of Guys and Dolls are joined on stage at Ormskirk Civic Hall by members of the 1990 cast

'Old pals act' proves a hit!

MEMBERS of an Ormskirk–based amateur dramatic society bridged the generation gap when they staged a production of Guys and Dolls last week – 25 years after they first performed the popular musical.

And to mark the occasion officials of the Pleasure Folk Amateur Musical Society invited members of the original 1990 cast along to meet the current cast at a special reunion evening following the final performance on Saturday evening.

The latest show ran from Wednesday to Saturday, April 22 to 25 at the Civic Hall in Ormskirk.

And of the 32 members of the 1990s cast, 22 attended Saturday's performance where they met the 23 members of the current cast, followed by a buffet, drinks and a nostalgic 'catch–up' after the show.

Jim Briscoe, a member of the group, said "The current run of the show has been brilliant, and the reunion went really well. Most of the original cast made it and the ones who didn't only missed it because they live too far away now – one is living in the United States!

"It was wonderful to meet up with the former cast members again and find out what they have been doing for the last 25 years.

"Also, the feedback we have had from the people who came to see the show was fantastic.

"It's a pleasure to put on a show like Guys and Dolls and we will soon be starting rehearsals for our Christmas production. We put on two shows each year – one in spring and one in December."

Meanwhile, the Pleasure Folk are looking for more members – especially men as they we can struggle to fill the male roles.

Jim added: "If you are a man aged between 20 and 60 and fancy giving it a go – even better if you've got a good singing voice! – then please give me a call on 01695 733945.

"And, of course new women members are more than welcome to join us too."

For more information visit www.pleasurefolk.co.uk.

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MARTIN Mere Wetland Centre in Burscough is hosting an exhibition by 11 renowned Northern wildlife artists until Friday, May 22.

The exhibition showcases work by award–winning artists including David Quinn, former British Birds Bird Illustrator of the Year Award winner, Andrew Beckett, who has exhibited around the world, and Thelma Sykes, a founding member of Nature in Art who was represented in an exhibition in China as part of the Millennium International Printmaking Festival.

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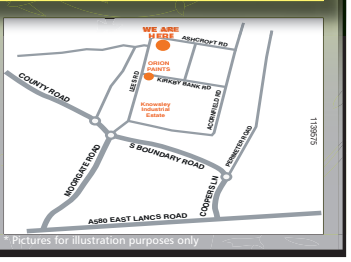

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Jack Dibnah gives Aveling steam roler 'Betsy' a final polish before going on show at last weekends Riverside Steam and Vintage Vehicle Rally. Code1080088

Full steam ahead!

By Ollie Cowan

HUNDREDS of steam lovers turned out for the Riverside Steam and Vintage Vehicle Rally at the weekend.

More than 20 full–sized steam engines were on show at the Riverside Holiday Park on Southport New Road, Mere Brow, as well as hundreds of vintage and classic vehicles including show cars, tractors and military vehicles.

The show even included the late Fred Dibnah's Land Rover and 'Betsy' his beloved steam roller, which was exhibited by his son Jack over the two days on Saturday, April 25 and Sunday, April 26.

Rally organisers look to add to £207,038 already raised

A spokesperson for the steam rally said: "Stunning exhibits aside, a fair just wouldn't be a fair without a plethora of activities to keep us entertained.

"We had more than enough to keep the young and not–so–young alike happy!

"For the little ones and the young at heart the children's fairground was a storming success.

"Aunt Nellie's Victorian tea room was also on hand with hefty slabs of cakes and afternoon tea accompanied by live music.

"Proceeds from the event help a very worthy cause and go towards supporting local charities in need of a helping hand.

"In the six years Riverside Steam and Vintage Vehicle Rally has been running, an impressive £207,038 has been raised.

"We want the total this year to exceeded last year's charity bounty of £37,500."

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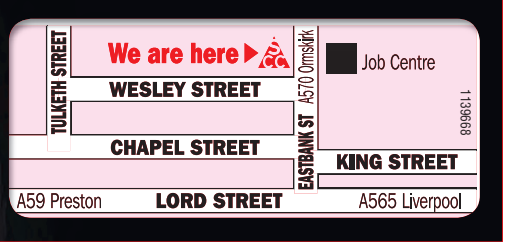

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Student pals aim to take the 'snobbery' out of wine appreciation

By Danielle Thompson

Founders Will (centre), Tom (to his left) and Patrick Hagerty (on his right) and fellow members of The Wine Guys

THREE local students are aiming to take the 'snobbery' out of wine appreciation – and educate themselves and others in the process.

The trio of pals – 18–year–olds Will Church from Ormskirk, Patrick Hagerty from Newburgh and Tom Hutchinson from Southport – have set up The Wine Guys, which seeks to educate interested adults, especially those aged 18 to 21, on the varieties of wine available

The lads, all students at Merchant Taylors School, Crosby, have launched a Twitter account, @thewineguys1, to keep their 700–plus followers updated with tips, advice and specific recommendations.

And having held meetingS in their homes and at a wine bar in Liverpool, the lads are now looking for a venue in Ormskirk where they can hold a regular monthly get–together.

Membership of the group is free – as is the wine tasting which the organisers provide at each event – but members are requested to take it in turns to bring a bottle.

And they are hoping that local businesses will come forward to 'sponsor' the society by offering a discount on wines as well as providing much–needed advice on which to taste and critique.

Will Church said: "Campaigns urging people – partcularly young people – to drink responsibly dominate the headlines, often linked with binge or under–age drinkers. That prompted us to form The Wine Guys. Our aim is to educate our generation on the wonders of wine and – being only 18 – hopefully learn along the way too!

"We meet to sample different wines, write notes and compile what we think that the flavours consist of. But we want to take the 'snobbery' out of it and make it an informal, relaxed, fun way to learn and make friends.

"We are also appealing for businesses to come forward to help us with things like learning what to do with each wine and how best to serve it, as well as making recommendations to us."

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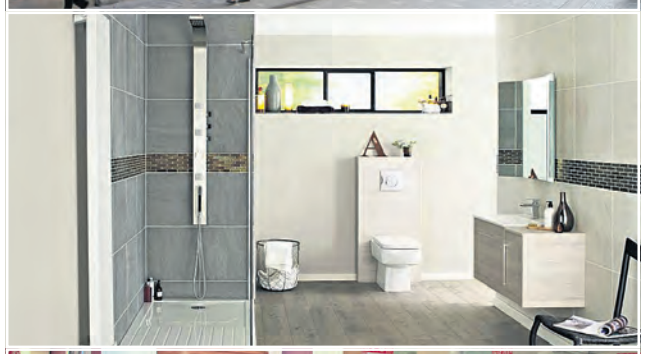

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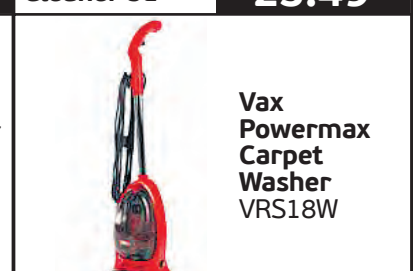

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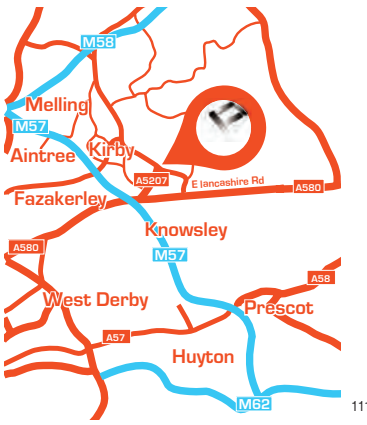

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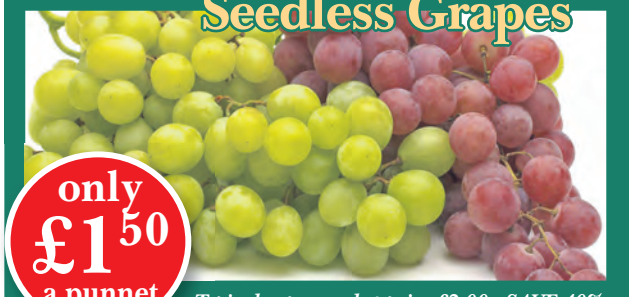

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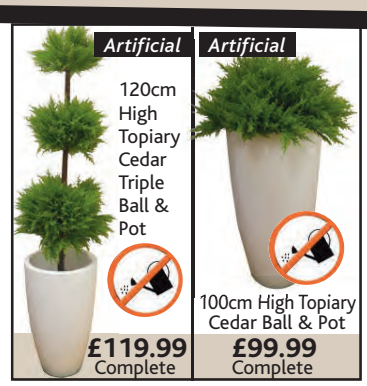

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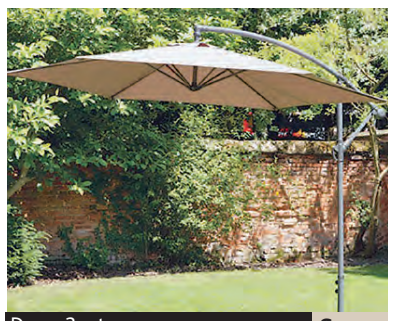

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Report by **Henry James**

WEST Lancs Council have announced a number of free activities for all the family being held in the borough's parks in May.

Bird lovers can enjoy nature's daily miracle – the dawn chorus – on International Dawn Chorus Day on Sunday, May 3.

A limited number of places are available on the the council rangers' Dawn Chorus Walk around Coronation Park, Ormskirk starting at 6am from the bowling pavilion – with tea and toast provided!

To book a place call 01695 570258 or email jessica.britch@westlancs.gov.uk.

Meanwhile keen walkers can enjoy the eight–mile Beacon Canal Loop walk starting from the Beacon Country Park Ranger Station at 10am on Bank Holiday Monday, May 4 and taking in many local sights.

Another date for walkers is Bank Holiday Monday, May 25 when an 11–mile trip through Burscough Wetlands will start from Platts Lane at 10am.

Volunteers are invited to help the Rangers do a clean–up in the Tawd Valley area of Skelmersdale on Saturday, May 9. Meet at Skelmersdale Library at 10am to join in.

And if you've ever wondered what Coronation Park in Ormskirk may have looked like 1,000 years ago then pay a visit to the Ormskirk Medieval Weekend on Saturday and Sunday, May 16 and 17.

Between 11am and 4pm on both days visitors can experience the sights, smells, sounds and tastes of the past as 12th century renactment group Historia Normannis take them on a journey through time.

The park will be alive with interactive displays, including medieval crafts and archery demonstrations. Other attractions include face painting, themed stalls and story–telling.

Tablet weaving demonstration at last year's Medieval Weekend

A similar event held last year was hugely successful with about 4,000 people attending over the weekend.

On Saturday, May 30 there will be an open bowls session at Coronation Park, Ormskirk, starting at 2pm.

Crown green bowls is a great sport for all the family – from kids to grandparents – so don't miss this great chance to try it out. There's no need to book just turn up.

Under–16s require adult supervision at all of these events and you are advised to wear suitable clothing and footwear for the weather and ground conditions when attending activities.

For more information on the Beacon Canal Loop and Burscough Wetlands walks call 01695 622794 or email beacon.park@westlancs.gov.uk. For events in Coronation Park call 01695 570258 or email jessica.britch@westlancs.gov.uk.

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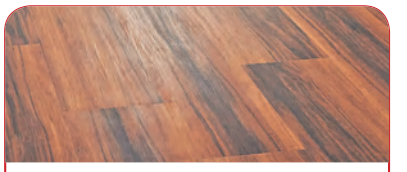

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Members of the scouting movement on their annual St George's Day parade

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Winning entries to be displayed at Flower Show

SOUTHPORT Flower Show has launched this year's Design–a–Garden competition, open to all junior school children in years three, four, five and six.

Sponsored by the West Lancashire Freemasons charity, the competition is an opportunity to let children's imaginations run wild and create their own eco–friendly garden, based upon the show's theme of 'China' this year, as they seek to follow in the footsteps of last year's winner Alfie McLoughlin from Holland Moor School in Skelmersdale.

A team of judges will pick two winning designs, which will then be constructed for this year's show, which takes place from August 20 to 23.

The winning gardens will then be on display to the thousands of visitors to the show.

The two winners, with their families and teachers, will be invited to the show and will be presented with £500 to enhance their school grounds and a £50 gift voucher for themselves. The 10 runners up, with families and teachers, will also be invited to the show and will receive £50 for their school grounds.

Ray Roukin, general manager at Southport Flower Show, said: "We really want to get the local kids involved in the show and the schools garden competition is a great opportunity to do that."

To find out more visit www.southportflowershow.co.uk and download an entry form, closing date for entries is Friday June 5.

Alfie McLoughlin from Skelmersdale's Holland Moor School who saw his design turned into a real garden after winning Southport Flower Show Schools Design–a–Garden competition.

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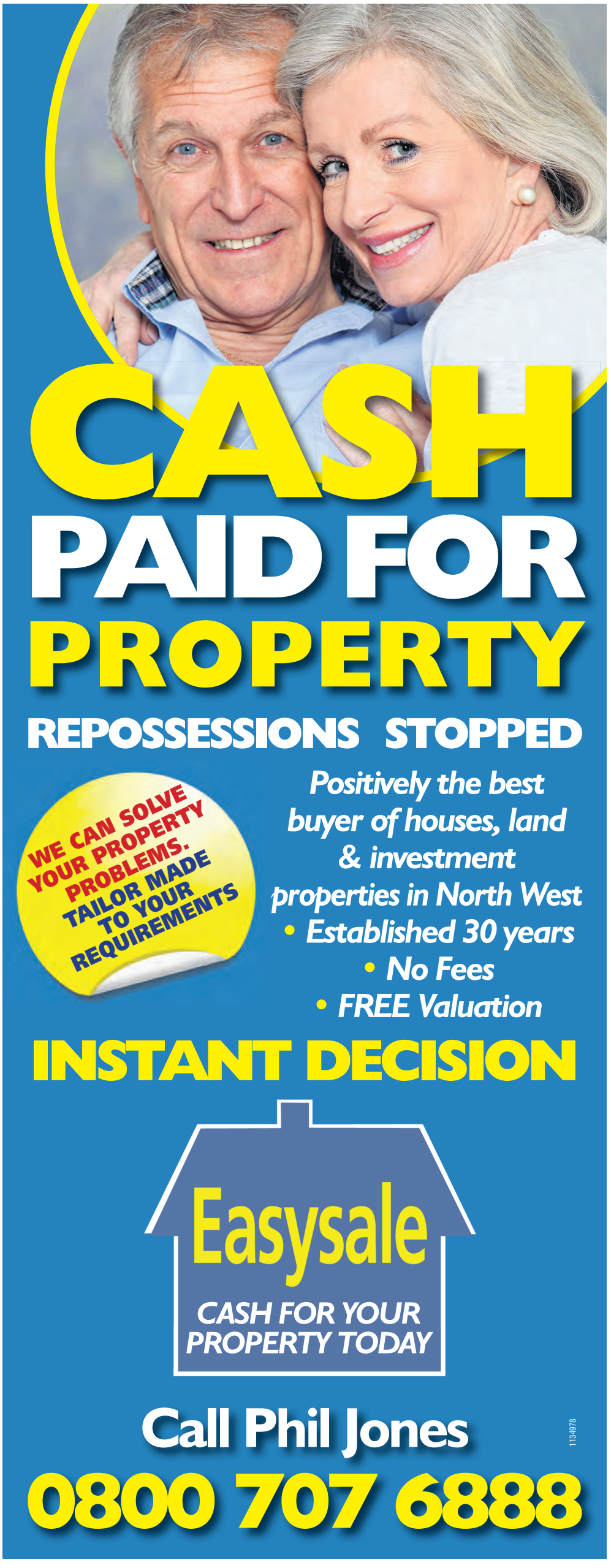

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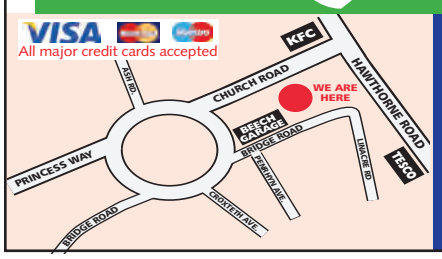

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Plan ahead for trips to see Three Queens

WEST Lancashire residents planning trips to Liverpool for the historic visit of Cunard's Three Queens from Sunday to Tuesday, May 24 to 26 are being encouraged by Merseytravel bosses to start planning their journeys now.

Thousands of people are expected to flock to both sides of the Mersey for the visit as part of Cunard's 175th anniversary celebrations, putting significant demand on the transport network.

The three ships will only be together for a short time on the Monday but activities will take place across the weekend.

An online transport information hub at www.merseytravel.gov.uk offers people, options and advice, whether they are travelling from near or far.

Travel bosses key tips include the following:

• If you're local, consider staying local. The Three Queens will be a full waterfront and coastal spectacle with opportunities to view from Liverpool, Wirral and Sefton. Walking or cycling may be the quickest and easiest way for you to get to and from the event.

• If you're in the Liverpool City Region, use public transport. Services will be increased. Rail services from Manchester, Wigan and Crewe directions will be particularly busy. If you live in the area and normally take the City line into Liverpool you may want to consider the bus as an alternative.

• If you're visiting from further afield or have mobility issues, car parking is available including a special park and ride in Wirral for viewing points on that side of the Mersey.

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• Some of the weekend's events will finish late putting significant demands on transport services from 10pm. Don't leave it too late. Allow time to get to the stop or station and for queues when you get there. Consider what your alternative options may be in getting you home if you don't make it.

Merseytravel, local authorities, bus and rail operators and other partners have been working together to strengthen services.

There will be changes to Merseyrail services, timetables and city centre stops. This will include services beginning an hour earlier on the Sunday and six–car trains on services going to the Wirral and Liverpool waterfronts and Sefton coast throughout the event.

Bus services will be strengthened on key routes.

A one–way system will be in place at Liverpool Lime Street on Monday, May 25.

People are encouraged to find out more details via www.merseytravel.gov.uk.

Liz Chandler, Merseytravel's director of corporate development, said: "The Liverpool City Region has a proud reputation for hosting and delivering quality, large–scale events. This is one of international significance and one that will put significant demands on the transport network. We're ensuring people know all the options open to them so they can make informed choices about how to get to and from the event."

Cunard's Three Queens

Help for jobseekers with learning disabilities

LANCASHIRE County Council has set up a new website to assist people with learning disabilities to find paid work.

The website, www.northlancsemployment.net, features information and film clips showing where to go for help, how they can learn new skills and who to contact for support.

Amanda Topps, the county council's community engagement officer, who has led the project, said: "We want to inspire people with learning disabilities to get a paid job and consider how paid employment could work for them.

"The new website will make it a lot easier to find out about things like writing a CV, or getting work experience.

"It also includes films featuring people with disabilities who explain what they have done to get a job," she added.

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Red letter day for Blues!

A TEAM of young footballers are celebrating after finally notching their first–ever victory – nearly eight months after kicking off in the Skelmersdale Junior Football League.

The lads of the Mitch FC under–12s Blues joined the league last September but had to wait until this month to enjoy the taste of victory for the first time.

Having gone close on a number of occasions, their hard work and dedication finally paid off with a 2–1 win over Skem North under–12s.

A debut goal by Cameron Duxbury gave Mitch the lead early in the second half following a dribble and close–range finish, then a cracker from Alfie Wood from just outside the box into the top right–hand corne made it 2–0.

Skem North responded by piling on the pressure and grabbed a well–worked goal late on to make it 2–1, but Mitch saw the game out to finally claim their first three points of the season thanks to great team effort by all 12 players.

• RIGHT: The Mitch under–12s Blues

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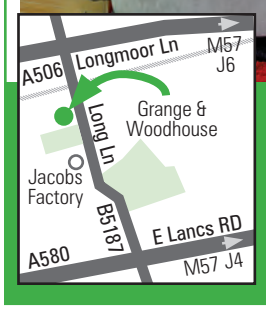

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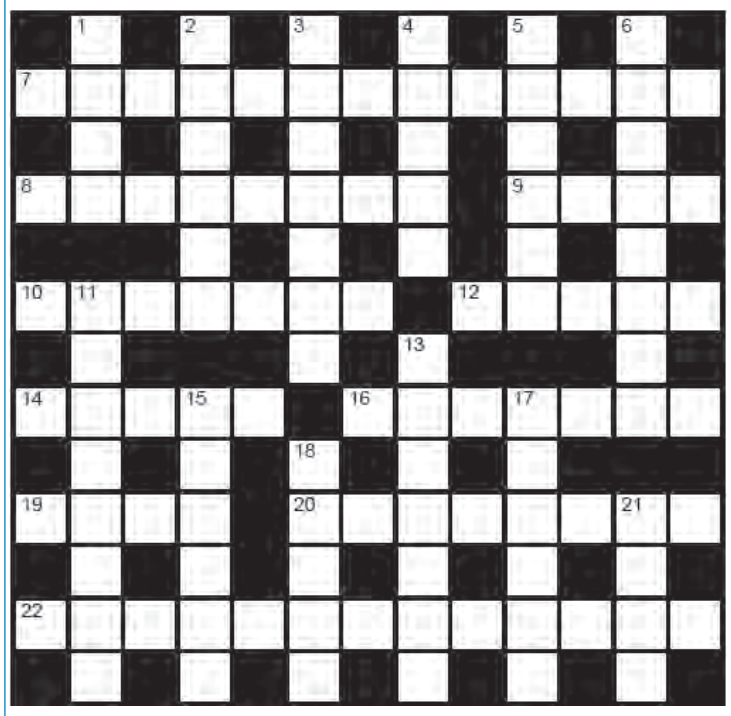

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Across: 7 Pliers. 8 Fiance. 9 Op ed. 10 Nail file. 11 Anytime. 13 Junta. 15 Comma. 17 Brigade. 20 Legalism. 21 Acts. 22 Refuge. 23 Lotion.

Down: 1 Slip on. 2 Heed. 3 Tsunami. 4 Affix. 5 Far flung. 6 Ocelot. 12 Tympanum. 14 Trample. 16 O level. 18 Dot com. 19 Liver. 21 Ante.

ACROSS

7 Person who seeks to become rich by marrying someone wealthy (7,6)
8 Unmarried, usually older, woman (8)
9 Hand-held device or implement (4)
10 Visible rock formation (7)
12 Nomadic or free-spirited person (5)
14 Scottish term for a child or baby (5)
16 In a neglected state (3-4)
19 Hook for landing large fish (4)
20 Mounted guns, artillery (8)
22 Popular breakfast food in the USA (7,6)

DOWN

1 Cage or pen in which poultry are kept (4)
2 Relating to race or culture (6)
3 The act of anointing with oil (7)
4 To captivate, enchant (5)
5 (Of a problem) Extremely difficult or complex (6)
6 Small, fine toothed cutting instrument for precision work (5,3)
11 To be taken by surprise is to be caught thus (8)
13 Disparaging remark (3-4)
15 Shelter from harm (6)
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18 Virtuous, right-minded (5)
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Summer season of films at Picture House released

VOLUNTEERS at Parbold Picture House have released their summer season of films and Front Row presentations.

On Sunday, May 3 at 7pm there is a chance to see 71 which is directed by Yann Demange. He won the best director award at the British Independent Film Awards. The film stars Jack O'Connell and it is a picture about a young British soldier who accidentally abandoned by his unit in the streets of Belfast in 1971. The raw squaddie has to reach safety.

There is a National Theatre NT Live streaming of Man and Superman by George Bernard Shaw on Thursday, May 14 at 7pm. It stars academy award winner and nominee Ralph Fiennes, who has starred in Schindler's List, The English Patient and Coriolanus as Jack Tanner in this reinvention of Shaw's witty, provocative classic.

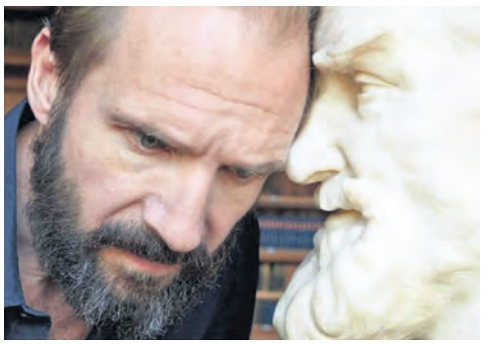
The Imitation Game is to be shown on Sunday, May 17 at 7pm. The film is directed by Morten Tyldum and stars Benedict Cumberbatch, Keira Knightley, who were both nominated for Oscars. It is based on the story of Alan Turing – who was the developer of the computer and Bletchley Park code–breaker.

People can see Ida on Sunday, May 31 at 7pm. The film is directed by Pawel Pawlikowski and stars Agata Kulesza and was the winner of the Best Foreign Film 2015 at this year's Oscars.

Before entering a nunnery, a young girl is sent from a convent to find her family. Her journey reveals Poland's story post–WWII.

On Sunday, June 14 at 7pm The Theory of Everything will be shown. It won the Best Actor Oscar, Golden Globe and BAFTA 2015. The film is directed by James Marsh and stars Eddie Redmayne, Felicity Jones (BAFTA Best Actress). The film is the story of Jane and Stephen Hawking.

People can see Whiplash on Sunday, June 28 at 7pm. It is directed by Damien Chazelle and stars Miles Teller, JK Simmons (Winner Oscar Best Supporting Actor 2015). This film is about an ambitious young drummer who has a passion to be a 'great' and has a ruthless



Ralph Fiennes in Man and Superman Code NA

teacher, who pushes

On Sunday, July 12 at 7pm, people can watch Birdman. This picture won the Oscar for the Best Film 2015, and director by Alejandro Iñárritu won the Oscar for the best director. It stars Michael Keaton, Edward Norton, Naomi Watts and Emma Stone. A washed–up film star 'superhero' battles his ego and tries to recover his family in the days before the opening of his Broadway play in which has invested all his money.

There is a chance to see the National Theatre NT Live streaming of Everyman on Thursday, July 16 at 7pm. It stars the BAFTA winner and Academy Award nominee Chiwetel Ejiofor (Twelve Years a Slave).

On July 26 at 7pm locals can see Selma. The film is directed by Ava DuVernay and stars David Oyelowo as Martin Luther King, Tom Wilkinson, Oprah Winfrey, and Tim Roth. A chronicle of Martin Luther King 's campaign to secure equal voting rights for African Americans via an epic march from Selma to Montgomery, Alabama in 1965.

The National Theatre NT Live streaming of Hamlet, starring Benedit Cumberbatch, will be shown on Thursday, October 15 at 7pm.

For more information call 01257 464533.

Elvis tribute on way

THERE are Elvis tributes..... and then there's Lee Memphis King.

Lee Memphis King will be at Southport Theatre on Saturday, May 9 at 7.30pm.

In this new show for 2015, Elvis Presley tribute artist – Lee Memphis King, presents the ultimate tribute to The King – celebrating the entire career of the musical legend.

This show begins with a recreation of the groundbreaking 68 comeback special.

The second half culminates in a rousing expo of Elvis's years performing in Vegas.

Lee aims to bring the majesty of the voice and the electrifying power of Elvis's performance back to life.

This was 'a toe–tapping' production

Review by **Jenny Robson**

• Guys and Dolls – Pleasure Folk AMS
• Ormskirk Civic Hall – April 22 to 25

CELEBRATIONS went on in Ormskirk last week when the current cast of this show met those who appeared when the society first presented it 25 years ago.

Five also appeared in this production – Heather Furnivall, Ruth Grant, Dorothy Prothero, Jim Briscoe and Kevin Bridge.

Musical director Nancy Wells who, with her band, always makes sure the score is spot–on from overture to finale, was also present in the first production.

So ... where else could a musical story open than on good old Broadway? The guys are looking dapper in their loud suits with matching trilbies, braces and ties and the girls are hot–footing it in The Hot Box nightclub.

Nathan Detroit needs $1,000 for hiring a garage to hold a craps game so he bets Sky Masterson that he will not be able to invite prim–and–proper Salvation Army Sergeant Sarah Brown to Havana. A safe bet he thinks!

But Sky actually persuades Sarah to go away with him by offering to fill the next Save–a–Soul Mission meeting with sinners (aka his friends) so that Sarah can impress General Cartwright (Dorothy Prothero).

Ian Lawson, and Lisa Proctor are perfectly cast as Sky and Sarah – he with his rich voice and she with her delicate tones – especially when they sing I've Never Been in Love Before.

Steve Rutter and Liz Wainwright make a great couple as wide–boy Nathan and his long–suffering fiancée of 14 years – Miss Adelaide. Needless to say that all comes well in the end with both couples tying the knot.

Gemma Briscoe's superb direction and choreography leads this tale of gangsters and gamblers through the underworld of New York with a series of comic sketches that serve as catalysts for some of Frank Loesser's great numbers – the most well–known probably being Sit down, You're Rockin' the Boat.

Excellent casting and toe–tapping music! A lovely production!

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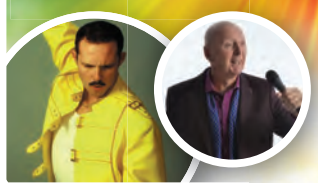

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APPLICATION(S) FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

Application No: 2015/0364/FUL Proposed barn conversion to eight bed and breakfast units at Heskin Farm, School Lane, Burscough.
This does not (or may not) accord with the development plan.
Application No: 2015/0383/WL3 Outline application for residential development (all matters reserved) at Site Of Former Westec House, Derby Street, Ormskirk.

APPLICATION(S) AFFECTING A CONSERVATION AREA / LISTED BUILDING

Application No: 2015/0391/FUL Proposed internal alterations, porch, alterations to the front elevation and new driveway with new drive entrance at Hillcrest, 3 Park Close, Parbold.
Application No: 2015/0398/FUL Separate two storey and single storey side extensions at 1 The Rowans, Aughton.
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(Make Request).

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29th April

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Yates Ann

2 years, 2nd May

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April 19th 2015 Aged 58 Years.

Much loved son of Maureen and the late Derek, dear brother of Steve, Peter, Nicholas and Gillian, closest friend of Joey. Service at Southport Crematorium on Wednesday 29th April at 10:40am. Family flowers only please but if desired donations are being gratefully received for Queenscourt Hospice. Donations and enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors, 19a Banastre Road, Southport, PR8 5AW. Telephone: 01704 500086.

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DEATHS

Winstanley Norman Frankland

23rd April 2015

Died peacefully in hospital Aged 88 years.

Devoted husband of the late Kathleen, father to Pamela, brother to Leslie and treasured grandad to Lily and Ruby. Norman will be greatly missed by all his family and friends. Service will be held at Thornton Crematorium on Friday 8th May at 3.20pm. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to Cancer Research UK. All enquiries to H Leslie Humphreys, 69 Liverpool Rd, Crosby L23 5SE. Tel: 0151 924 4805

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Darbyshire Allan

Marian, Andrew and Claire would like to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for kind messages and sympathy, cards and donations received for Queenscourt Hospice. Special thanks to Banks Funeral Service. Thanks also to the District Nurses and Crossroads for their care and support.

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DEATHS

HANNABY ROY

Monday 20th April 2015 aged 81 years.

Finally giving in to his battle against cancer, Roy died peacefully at Westcliffe Manor Nursing Home. He will be remembered as a true gentleman, helping others before thinking of himself. Sons Andrew and Malcolm, daughter Diana and brothers John and Brian will all miss him greatly as will all of his family and friends. Service at Southport Crematorium on Friday 1st May at 10.40am. Family flowers only please but if desired donations may be sent for Queenscourt Hospice and Southport Talking Newspaper (please make cheques payable to Howard's Donation Account). Donations and enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors, 19a Banastre Road, Southport, PR8 5AW. Telephone: 01704 500086.

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DEATHS

HADLOW Peter John

After a short illness peacefully in hospital on Wednesday 22nd April 2015 aged 69 years

Much loved Husband of Tina and Dear Father of Richard, Father-in-law of Nadina and Devoted Grandpa of Evie May. He will be sadly missed by all his family and friends who knew him. Funeral Service will take place at Christ Church, Newburgh on Thursday 7th May 2015 at 1.30pm and Committal will follow at 2.40pm at Southport Crematorium for family members. Family flowers only by request please but the family are gratefully receiving donations for the British Lung Foundation. Enquiries to Cookson Tyrer Funeral Directors, 2 Smithy Walk, Bursocugh. L40 5UU. Tel: 01704 897770.

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The family are very grateful for all the expressions of sympathy and to those who attended the funeral service. Thanks also to the staff at Woodlands Manor Care Home for their wonderful care, to Rev Patrick Evans for his empathetic conduct of the service and committal and to Howard's Funeral Directors for once again going "the extra mile"

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FOR THOSE looking to get away from it all, the latest edition of Vauxhall's popular Corsa might be the answer.

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Motor shows are a classic car haven

Riverside Festival shows off nostalgia at its very best

Life On Cars
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WE LIVE in troubled times, if the seemingly constant threats of Greek financial meltdown, terrorist attacks and Katie Hopkins turning to Twitter are anything to go by. That's why I'm glad there's usually a car show somewhere nearby to escape the mayhem!

Regular readers will already know I'm a bit of a car show junkie.

Car shows are a petrolhead staple and they come in all sorts of shapes and sizes, but the ones I enjoy most of all are the quintessentially British ones where sea of Triumph Spitfires and MG Midgets is broken only by the burger bars and the fairground rides.

That's probably why I thoroughly enjoyed wandering around the Riverside Steam and Vintage Rally, a stone's throw from Tarleton, last weekend.

Not only is it all for a good cause – since the event's inception in 2009, it's raised more than £200,000 for charities right here in the North West – but it's also refreshing to look around a show that's down–to–Earth, free of gimmicks and affordable to enter.

The cars, with the notable exception of a Land Rover Series III formerly owned by Fred Dibnah, aren't the real stars of the show – that honour goes to all the lovingly maintained steam traction engines and William Hunter's hugely impressive collection of classic trucks.

However, once you've finished looking at all the trucks, buses, tractors and motorcycles the show there are more than enough old cars to keep anyone entertained. It was yard after yard of nostalgia for the sort of cars you'd have actually seen on the nation's roads a couple of generations ago.

It's this sort of thoroughly old school approach to car shows I never get bored of, and why I hope Riverside keeps on raising the charity cash like this for years to come. The good news if you love these old cars is that the show season's just kicking off and there's plenty more of this sort of thing on the way – keep an eye out for the Hundred End, Lydiate, and Tatton Park shows for more of this unashamed nostalgia.

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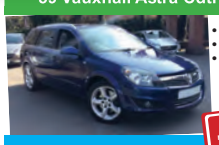

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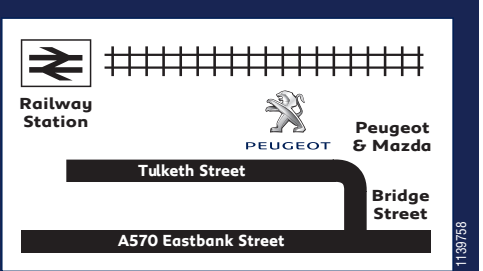

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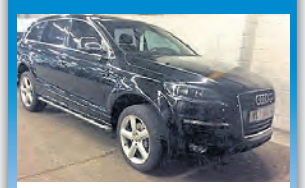

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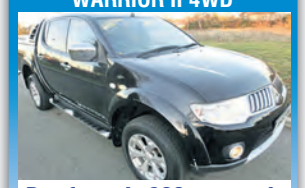

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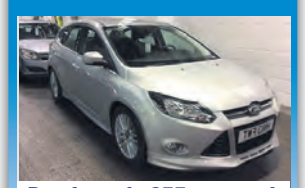

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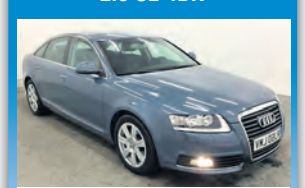

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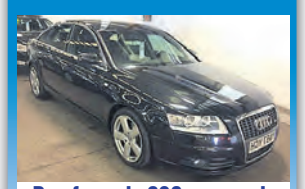

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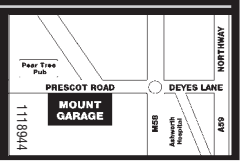

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Linnets have to settle for a point after late leveller

Spennymoor Town 1
Burscough 1

BURSCOUGH'S last game of the season saw them throw away three points after conceding a last minute equaliser.

The team, who travelled down to Spennymoor Town with only the bare 11 with no substitutes, had to settle for a point as they finished off the season in 15th place.

The first half brought few chances for either side, with Spennymoor fielding an under–strength side as they had one eye on the midweek play off semi–final.

The second half picked up and Burscough took the lead in the 61st minute through Will Jones when he got in between two defenders to head into an empty net following a superb floated cross from the right.

But the Linnets were denied victory when Spennymoor levelled in the last minute when the Burscough keeper spilled a Robert Briggs free kick, and Ian Ward pounced to head home from close range.

Richmond Reserves go top

BURSCOUGH Richmond Reserves beat Hesketh Bank Reserves 3–2 to go top of the West Lancashire League Reserves League with them having one match to play, and Hesketh Bank two with negligible points difference between the two sides.

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Fernandes wonder goal sets up Skem fightback

Skelmersdale United 2
Stourbridge 1

Valtar Fernandes scored a wonder goal for Skelmersdale. Picture by Debbie Manifold.

UNITED completed the season with a victory, *writes Neil Leatherbarrow*, to finish in seventh place in the Evo–Stik Premier Division table just two places outside the play–off zone.

Supporters left Stormy Corner with the memory of a fine performance by right–back Valtar Fernandes, the popular former Sporting Lisbon player scoring the first goal with a magnificent curling drive and then set up the winner.

Skem were a goal down early on when a free–kick taken by goalkeeper Lewis Solly from a fairly innocuous position in the Stourbridge half was helped on by Luke Benbow to an on–the–run Chris Lait who found himself clean in on goal, to volley into the net from eight yards out.

Due to an anomaly in the FA rules, Skelmersdale have had to use coach Andy Paxton as goalkeeper in the last two matches and he came up trumps in the 37th minute making a fine double save to deny Benbow and Brian Smikle to earn himself the Ship Inn at Lathom Skelmersdale man of the match award.

In the 42nd minute Fernandes played the ball to Mitchley who ran into space to the right of the 18 yard box. Fernandes got the ball back again, Mitchley shouted for the return, but Fernandes instead ran at the defence and drove a shot from 18 yards that from the moment it left the outside of his boot was destined for the far bottom corner, curling low and going in off the post.

Those sat in the stand at Skelmersdale were privileged to see a goal that was fit to grace any Premier League match.

In the 56th minute Skelmersdale took the lead.

Shaun Holden crossed from the left and the ball was headed out to the right by a defender.

Fernandes latched onto the ball and sent it diagonally across the box to the far post, catching everyone out except Mitchley, who was rewarded for his judgement with a side–foot opportunity that took his league goals tally for the season to 20.

The 67th minute was crucial to the outcome and it brought the bit of luck you sometimes need to win a match, a misunderstanding in the Skelmersdale defence presented Lait with a chance out of nothing, but he contrived to hit the post.

Ormskirk and District League results and round–up

Parkin Cup Final: Falcon 5 Database 0. Falcon were close to folding this season and the team can be proud of their efforts and were rewarded with silverware after a closely fought game.

Sherwood Cup Final: George's 1 MCA 2. George's opened the scoring after a fine move down the right. MCA equalized through Mussoon and with ten minutes remaining Salary was upended for a penalty to MCA and he picked himself up to score it.

League Cup semi–final: Mariners 2 The Tail 1: Goals from Mike White an John Prescott saw the Mariners through.

Ormskirk start season with crushing win over Wallasey

BAD weather played a huge part in the outcome of several matches during the opening round of league fixtures in the 2015 Liverpool & District Cricket Competition last Saturday, with heavy showers interrupting most games, *writes Glenn Wallworth.*

In the Premier Division, holders Ormskirk started off with a convincing 9 wicket win at Wallasey.

The hosts elected to bat first and were bowled in 53.5 overs for 111, with Nick Caunce 5–22 and Dane Currency 3–40 doing the damage with the ball. In reply it took the visitors just 20 overs to reach their target for the loss of a single wicket, with John Armstrong 71* and Andy Baybutt 29* securing victory.

Northern battled back from 122–7 (Stephen Lucas 41) to bat Formby out of the game and earn themselves a draw at Moor Park, the hosts had to thank Stephen Cole for his unbeaten 33 off 138 balls and the rest of the tail for supporting him as they were eventually bowled out for 174 off 69.3 overs, with Gary Keedy taking 5–44 from his 25 overs. In reply, the visitors only had 23 overs in which to reach their target and closed on 154–4, with young Australian Patrick Pisel hitting 56 and Lancashire's Stephen Parry unbeaten on 61.

Southport & Birkdale started off with a 4 wicket win at Rainhill, the hosts were put in to bat and posted 194–5 dec off 44.3 overs, thanks to 94 from opener Joe Kennedy. In reply, a superb century from opener Adam Phillips and an unbeaten 44 from Guy Edwards helped guide S&B to victory on 196–6.

In the First Division, Maghull won at Fleetwood Hesketh after electing to bat first and being bowled out for 144 with Paul Walters 36, Liam Crilly 35 and Mark Waring 24 scoring valuable runs, while the pick of the bowlers were Tommy Wareing 3–25, Australian debutant Harry Nichols 3–32 and Craig Todd with 3–42. In reply, the hosts got off to a good start (Paul Regan 32 and Huw Summerfield 29) before slipping from 62–1 to 133 all out, with Crilly capping off a fine personal display with 6–54, while Jack Snowdon claimed 3–26.

In the Second Division, Burscough hosted Wavertree and won by 5 wickets, the visitors were sent in to bat and bowled out in 45 overs for 138, with Theo O'Brien (59) and Jafari Toppin (31) scoring the bulk of the runs, whilst Lee Berrie claimed 3–20. In reply, Michael Bimpson 25 and an unbeaten 61 from Jon Stone helped steer the hosts to victory on 139–5.

This weekend's local fixtures (1pm start): Ormskirk v Rainhill, Sutton v Burscough.

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The Budget

Your wedding day is all about you so have the wedding you want, not the wedding everyone expects you to have.

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Once you have worked out your budget, decide what you both consider essential and list those first. Then move onto the things that you would like but could do without.

Next list the things that you consider a luxury. Once completed, add the total cost of the essential list. If you haven't gone over your budget you can then select items from your remaining two lists.

Small sacrifices can help boost your wedding budget. If your big day is a year away from now, cut out something that you buy every day.

That coffee each morning on your way into work, the extra £2 you spend at lunch on crisps and a can of Coke.

Over the year you'd be surprised how much you can save.

Get selling your unwanted items. Now is the ideal time to have that sort out and get rid of all those things you no longer need as you enter in to the next stage of your life.

Online auctions, classified ads in your local newspaper and car boot sales are all great tools for selling your unwanted items and generating funds for your wedding. Do you really need all those CD's, DVD's and books?

Consider setting up a separate account to pay your earnings into - that way you'll see the wedding cash pile up, rather than just disappearing into your current account.

The venue can be the biggest dent in your budget.

Sometimes by choosing to get married on an unusual day, a Friday or Sunday, you can cut the cost of the reception by up to half - midweek by even more.

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Don't like BIG dresses? Don't like huge trains? Think of you in the dress and don't go down the route of, "It'll be fine once I lose a couple of stone."

Your husband-to-be loves you as you are and setting yourself silly targets won't help the relationship nor you.

Once you have decided how formal your wedding will be, look through bridal publications and cut out pictures of the gowns you like for your very own mood board. Check out the wedding gown sites online as well, find bridal gown stockists you want to visit.

It usually takes two or three fittings to adjust a gown but feel free to ask for more if you think they are needed. The first appointment occurs about two to four months before the wedding, at which time you need to have your undergarments, shoes, and accessories.

You may also want to get your hair done in the style you will wear.

Ask yourself some questions:

Can you lift your arms easily? Do the straps stay up? Do any seams pucker?

The last fitting takes place a week or two before the event.

White has long been the colour traditionally associated with the wedding gown, but modern brides can wear a dress of almost any colour without offending.

The style however is another matter, there is such a variety of designs and styles out there and this is a once in a lifetime occasion. Be prepared to try on as many styles as possible to see what is right for you.

- Check if there are any dress codes where you are having your ceremony, especially if it is a religious one.
- At Fitting time, remember to wear similar underwear to what you will be wearing on the day to ensure there will be no lines showing.
- Think about how you will wear you hair and will you be wearing a head dress or veil.
- Hiring your wedding outfits makes good economic sense. It also enables you to wear the latest creations, some straight off the catwalk and at far less than the cost to buy.
- If you bought new shoes for the big day, be sure to break them in ahead of time.
- When getting ready on the day, brides often wear T-shirts that have to be pulled over their freshly made up face and hair. Wear a shirt, it can be unbuttoned without doing any damage.
- When choosing any wedding outfit, consider comfort as well. You may be wearing this outfit only once but it will be on for quite a while. You don't want to be wincing on your lovely photographs!
- The bride should have the ultimate decision about what the bridesmaids will wear, especially the style and colour. The dress should be less elaborate than the bride's.
- Consider the dress lengths to complement ages. For younger bridesmaids a full length dress is easily tripped over.
- Whatever style of outfit chosen by the groom, he must consider the bride's style of dress, colour scheme and any overall theme of the wedding.
- Many grooms will hire their whole outfit from a specialist mens outfitter who can match every item down to the shoes. When several of the men in the wedding party need outfits many shops offer discounts for group bookings.
- Any outfit that has been hired must be tried on and available in good time. You really don't want to be running for a missing jacket or have to wear a pair of trousers three times too big because you or the store left it too late....
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Hotels are often the most convenient venues because they have all the amenities necessary to cater for large groups of people with fixed price food and drink packages, plus any supplementary services such as flowers, toastmasters, complimentary rooms for the bride and groom available in one neat package. Before making a decision arrange to eat at the hotel to assess the standard of cooking and service.

If you plan to hold the reception at home or in a village hall, the services of the professional caterer may be an option for you. Always check what is included in the price. Some quote separately for food, then additionally for equipment such as table linen, cutlery, disposable items and service. Ask if they are licenced for the sale of alcohol or will you need to arrange a licence.

Both bride and groom should be involved in choosing the venue,so ask yourselves... what are each others interests? If it's music - then organise a band or DJ. If it’s food, then research caterers. After all, the wedding is for two people.

Trying to consider every musical taste can be difficult if not impossible. The main thing to remember is to cater for the mood, this is a happy family occasion where the majority of guests will appreciate music that they recognise and can understand. Aim to keep it balanced, you won't offend anyone by staying with pop music from the last decade or more.

There are companies who provide a range of music for the entire day, from the soloist singing in church to classical duos, trios and quartets. Local hotels and venues may be able to help. (www.weddingmusic.co.uk)

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Order extra as you can invite others when reply cards are received from those unable to attend.

The style of invitation is an opportunity to dictate any dress code and propriety.

Make it absolutely clear if guests are being invited to attend the ceremony, the reception, the evening party or the entire day.

Photography

We all know the traditional 'must-have' shots, the different family combinations and the usual reception moments.

How about adding some fun to your wedding album!

When you have set a date and venue you need to make enquiries about photographers.

Make a point of asking to see samples of their work. Consider whether the photographers work shows variety or does each sample look the same.

Look closely at the people in the pictures to see if they look natural, enjoying themselves and look at ease.

Think about the photographer ... do they seem personable, will they be able to stage manage you and your guests.

Agree the size of photographs, how many you will receive and charges if you want to order reprints for family or friends.

Choose the album that you will receive in your package and establish how long after the wedding you will receive proofs.

Also see how you can share shots digitally, on social media for example, or maybe online proofing albums for long distance and overseas guests.

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Transport

Arranging the transport that you will use is a big part of the organisation of your wedding.

The choice of motor vehicles and other modes of transport is vast. Specialist wedding car hire companies usually have something to suit almost all budgets.

Think about who really needs transport – the bride and her father will leave home for the ceremony usually using the same transport that will, after the ceremony, take the bride and groom to the reception.

What will the groom and best man require?

The bridesmaids and mother-of-the-bride usually go from the bride's home ... what transport do they need?

Whatever mode of transport you decide to use it may be an idea to have a few practice journeys from home to the ceremony and then onto the reception.

Do this on the same day of the week and at the same time of your wedding. Remember to allow extra time depending on the mode of transport you have decided on ... for example, a horse and carriage.

Also allow for time to take photographs when leaving home and arriving at the ceremony.

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Flowers

The most important flowers are the bride's bouquet. There are no right or wrong choices when selecting flowers for your wedding.

It is down to your own personal choice as well as having a basic understanding of what works well for the theme you've chosen and your budget. Before you begin spending money, decide how important wedding flowers are to you.

If serving the best food and drink is key, look to spend less on flowers.

If however you want to create a beautiful reception space you'll need to allocate more. They should also complement the wedding dress and be light enough to carry.

Choose a florist who is happy to work to your budget. You may have to compromise on the specific flowers or type of arrangements you want in order to keep costs realistic but a good florist will be able to suggest many ideas that will look just as stunning.

Ask for seasonal, locally grown flowers which cost less than more exotic varieties.

A few large blooms surrounded by lots of greenery can look striking, so consider using less flowers and more foliage.

If you've got your heart set on an expensive flower use it sparingly, maybe just in your bouquet.

Colour will be an important part of your decision about which flowers to have.

The colour should complement the bridal gown, the wedding theme, and the clothing of the rest of the bridal party.

Think about what the flowers will have to contend with in the chosen venue.

Using accessories to embellish a bouquet also works well. Pearls and crystals can be incorporated into bouquets for a touch of added glamour. For a more delicate touch a sheer organza ribbon can be used to create ribbon bows and long streamers or a wide satin ribbon will give a rich, luxurious look.

You may like to consider smaller posies for the bridesmaids. The mother's of the bride and groom usually wear a corsage and they are usually matched with the colour of their outfits.

The men in the bridal party will usually wear a buttonhole, sometimes a carnation or rose with a sprig of fern.

For your table centrepieces you don't have to use masses of flowers. Try floating two or three large flower heads inside a glass bowl with a few floating candles.

Some of the more popular flowers by colour choice include:

White: rose, sweet pea, camellia, narcissus, gardenia, orchid, lily of the valley, jasmine, and snowdrop.
Pink: rose, peony, sweet pea, carnation, tulip, boronia, and lily.
Lavender: lavender, lilac, anemone, iris, delphinium, and hydrangea.
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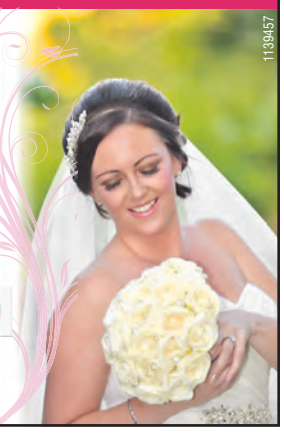

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The owner of Trudy Smith Bridal Boutique in Ormskirk has revealed that her bridal business has flourished since she expanded and moved to Moor Street in Ormskirk at the end of 2014.
Trudy Smith, 51, from Maghull, set up Trudy Smith Bridal Boutique on Church Walks in the town centre 14 years ago.
She now runs the business, and a second branch in Wigan, with her daughter Jenna, 30.
Trudy's mother was a dressmaker and although she also learnt the trade, she initially trained as secretary while also having a keen interest in it as a hobby. She went to college to learn business studies and sewing before taking the plunge and setting up her vocation as a business in Ormskirk.
When the business became too big for Church Walks, she opened up in Wigan in 2012 before finding a suitably bigger premises in Ormskirk in December 2014.
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The Wedding Cake

The wedding cake was originally lots of little wheat cakes that were broken over the bride's head for good luck and fertility and, in Elizabethan times, small spiced cakes were given to wedding guests to toss over the bride's head. Some wedding traditions are great to maintain but thankfully today these traditions are seldom adhered to.

Visit your local bakery's website to view images of their work. If the photos aren't up to date, the chances are their work isn't either.

You should then visit the bakery in person and meet with the staff. It's important to walk out of the bakery with an image of the cake, either drawn or via computer image. If you don't feel comfortable with the bakery staff, you won't be happy with your cake.

Three to six months is usually enough time to plan the cake. Most bakeries have their cakes organised and worked out weeks in advance.

Special ingredients and decorations sometimes need to be ordered and in some cases, created from scratch, which can take extra time.

When deciding on your cake think of as much information as possible; theme of the wedding, colour of your dress, bridesmaid dress and inspiration from the room and the flowers. It will make your choice easier.

Wedding cake doesn't have to be a fruit or sponge cake. Why not go for chocolate, red velvet or carrot cake or even mix the layers.

Make sure you taste them though, it must taste as good as it looks.

Before confirming your order, find out who will deliver your cake on the day and more importantly who will set it up, you or them.

A lot of people forget about this and on the day somebody may want to help out and it can all end up in a heap on the floor...

Why not save money and let your guests enjoy your delicious cake by serving it as a dessert, instead of waiting until later when everybody is partying or simply forgets to take it home with them?

Think about ordering a novelty wedding cake. They can be fun, unusual and quirky – but remember, you will have to look at those pictures for the rest of your life.

Good on you to try to make your own wedding cake, but remember the magic word is practice, practice, and practice even more to avoid the stress and last-minute disappointment.

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While spontaneity must be commended in travel, honeymoons must be carefully planned to the budget you know you have.

You don't have to stay in one hotel for two weeks either ... if you can afford it, go from a beach to a nearby town.

You could choose a place that has it all – like Barcelona for example with its beach life, city life and nightlife.

Surprises are all very well and good but this is also a trip that both of you should have a say in.

This is also when compromises come in and a good place to start as married life is full of compromise!

There are plenty of ways to do different things and visit different places that will please both of you.

A honeymoon is the first big occasion in a couple's life so be prepared to embrace one another interests, however remote they are from your own!

Getting married abroad

Though plenty of operators offer a conveyor belt service for this kind of idea you can of course try and arrange this yourself.

But you have to remember a few steps first.

Booking a hotel used to this kind of arrangement will help as well as they will be used to what is required.

DOCUMENTATION

You must, absolutely must, contact the relevant foreign embassy or consulate and find out what getting married in their country means and whether it will be legally recognised in UK. Get every document they require otherwise risk a wasted expensive trip.

RESIDENCY

Most countries will need couples to stay in that country for a certain number of days. Be aware of that.

INSURANCE

This is really important. Take out a specialist wedding insurance that will cover the country of your choice.

This will take care of potential suppliers problems or weather cancellations etc.

GET TO KNOW THE PLACE

If you can afford it, visit where you intend to get married, preferably during the same season as you have chosen for the wedding. It's no good finding out the monsoon is at the same time as your wedding. This is also the time you can ask to meet the suppliers you will use and test what they have to offer.

UNDERSTAND ALL THE COSTS

Yes the £ may be strong against the Euro and certain other currencies now, but you must, must, must know and account for every penny you will need BEFORE you go. A checklist will be essential. And no veering off the list either.

MAKING IT EASY FOR GUESTS

They will need to know what you expect them to provide or pay for. Hire cars? Accommodation options? All people have different budgets so be aware of that.

Do not get upset if people can't make it. This is your dream, not theirs and they may have planned to spend their money differently. Give plenty of warning as well, so people can save if they do want to join you.

WHAT DO THEY DO THERE?

Local customs may be something you want to include. Make the most of what each country recognises as a wedding custom and embrace it, from decorating your hands in henna in India to style your day in red in China, as it's considered lucky there.

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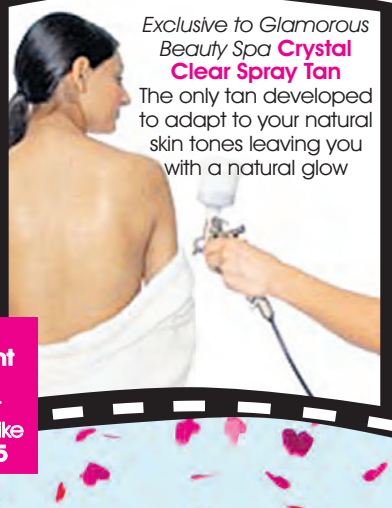

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The Countdown Check List

We have provided you with this checklist that you may be able to use as a guideline, though not conclusive we think it will be a very helpful starting point.

12 MONTHS PRIOR

- See the minister, priest, rabbi or registrar to book the ceremony.
- Discuss and work out your budget.
- Compile the guest list.
- Book the reception venue and caterers.
- Arrange any musicians or entertainers.
- visit photographers/videographers and transport companies and make booking.
- Choose the best man and other attendants.

9-6 MONTHS PRIOR

- Choose your wedding stationery.
- Start to look for the wedding gown and accessories.
- Order the wedding cake.
- Arrange favours for guests.
- Apply for your new passport if changing your name and if required for your honeymoon.
- Arrange hiring or buying outfits for the attendants.
- Book the florist.

4-3 MONTHS PRIOR

- Confirm all the arrangments for the ceremony and reading of the banns.
- Send invitations.
- Choose wedding rings.
- Book hair and beauty appointments

6 WEEKS PRIOR

- Chase late replies to invitations.
- Confirm menu and numbers with the caterers.
- Write out place cards and plan seating.
- Finalise all flower arrangments with florist.
- Confirm details with transport company, photographer and videographer.
- Confirm music and hymns.
- Check rules on throwing confetti and inform best man and chief bridesmaid to inform guests.

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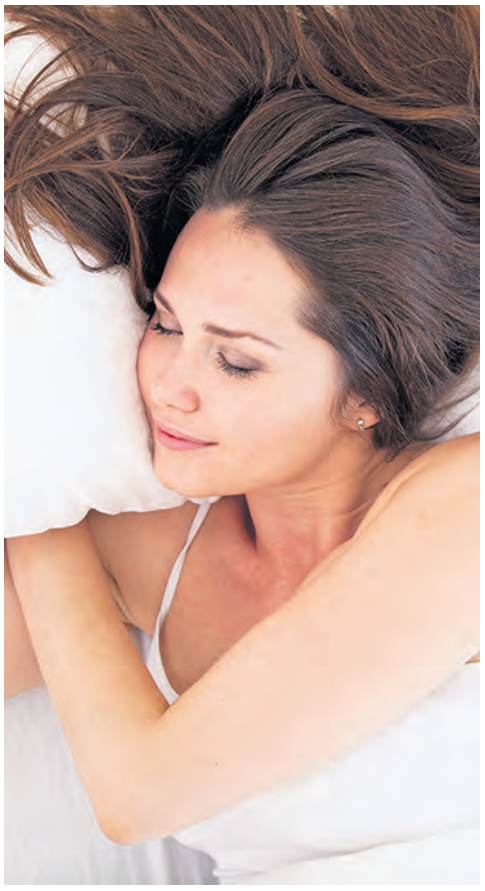
14-7 DAYS PRIOR

- Have final fitting of dress.
- Confirm hair and beauty appointments.
- Start wearing wedding shoes around the house.
- Have a final rehearsal of ceremony and give order of service sheets to minister.
- Run through, with the best man, bridesmaids and ushers, what is required of them.
- Confirm all pick-ups for any hire wear.



THE DAY BEFORE

- Get a good night's sleep, you are going to need it!

Roles and Responsibilities

There are many responsibilities associated with each role that your attendants and family can play.

Here is a brief outline to follow for those involved in the wedding party.

BEST MAN

- Organises the stag evening.
- Arranges transport for bridegroom, himself and families of the couple if required.
- Responsible for the rings and pass to the groom at the ceremony.
- Escorts the chief bridesmaid to sign the register.
- Directs ushers and photographer.
- Follows the bridegroom's speech and reads any telegrams and cards.

CHIEF BRIDESMAID

- Helps in choosing the bridal dress and bridesmaids outfits.
- Arranges the hen party.
- Attends to the bride on the wedding day.
- Holds the bride's bouquet during the ceremony.
- Attends the signing of the register.

USHERS

- Hands out the Order of Service and buttonholes to guests and directs them to their seats in church.

- Escorts the mother of the bride to her seat.
- Deals with any latecomers.
- Assists the best man with transport for guests.

These duties are based on tradition and can obviously be tailored to your needs and preferences.

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